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State of Michigan, LTBB and Little River Band Settle Long-standing Club Keno Lawsuit

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On April 4, 2005, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Kalamazoo, MI, contending the Michigan Lottery Club Keno games violated an "exclusivity" clause in their respective 1998 gaming compacts with the State of Michigan.

Because of this contention, both Little River and LTBB withheld their 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 casino revenue sharing payments. According to the gaming compacts signed by both tribes, the State of Michigan was to receive 8% of the tribes' casinos' electronic gaming profits semiannually.

The tribes maintained the compacts' exclusivity clauses limit "electronic games of chance" or "commercial casino games" to Michigan's Indian casinos and the three Detroit casinos and Club Keno is a "commercial casino game."

On June 22, 2005, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox filed a lawsuit against Little River and LTBB in the U.S. District Court. The complaint alleged Little River and LTBB

withheld their 8% electronic gaming revenue payments owed to the State of Michigan since 2004, and stated the State of Michigan viewed Club Keno as an extension of an existing Keno game the Lottery Bureau was operating at the time the compacts were signed.

The State of Michigan also contended Michigan's Lottery Bureau was exempt from the compact provision because it is not a for-profit, private enterprise, and it does not operate a casino.

On March 21, 2008, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians announced a settlement in the long-standing lawsuit over the Club Keno game. The agreement settled the question of whether Club Keno terminated the tribes' obligation to pay a portion of their tribal casino revenues to the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF).

Under the settlement, the percentage of slot machine revenues paid by the tribes will be reduced to 6% in most cases. In return, the tribes agreed to changes in their revenue sharing agreements that will make the payments more stable in the future,



specifically:

- Gaming exclusivity will no longer be measured on a statewide basis, but will instead be based on a more limited market area for each tribe – generally nine to 10 county areas in the immediate vicinity of each tribe's casino. This means new commercial gaming activities elsewhere in the state will no longer result in the termination of payments.

- Lottery and other similar activities by the state will not be considered to be new commercial gaming unless they involve large scale use of electronic machines.

- If new commercial gaming does occur within one of the tribe's market

areas, it will no longer result in permanent termination of payments. Instead, payments are suspended and can be reinstated later at a reduced rate if the tribe's casino business continues to grow.

In a press release dated March 21, Granholm said the agreement restored funds vital to Michigan's economic development efforts at a critical time and will help ensure a more stable and cooperative economic relationship between the state and these two tribal governments.

The agreement splits approximately \$52 million in electronic gaming revenue from the tribes that had been held in escrow since the dispute

began almost five years ago. It included more than \$33 million paid in by Little River and \$19 million-plus from LTBB.

The state will receive half of the escrowed money, approximately \$26 million, to be used for economic development efforts through MSF. LTBB will receive approximately \$9.65 million with Little River receiving almost \$17 million.

LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik said the settlement stabilized LTBB's relationship with the state.

"I am excited about the cooperative spirit that enabled this settlement," Ettawageshik said in the press release.

"We have many tough economic challenges that are much easier to work through when we all work together."

Larry Romanelli, Ogema of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, said he was pleased to be able to bring this question to a close.

"The settlement allows both the tribes and the state to work together for our mutual future while respecting the sovereignty of each side," Romanelli said in the press release.

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HISTORIC CONVENING OF INDIGENOUS NATIONS GATHER TOGETHER TO HEAL MOTHER EARTH

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

In the shadows of the ancient Mayan pyramids, more than 200 leaders from 71 Native American nations in Mexico, the United States and Canada gathered in Palenque, Chiapas, Mexico for the *Convening of Indigenous Peoples for the Healing of Mother Earth* held March 10-13.

The vision of the convening was "As caretakers of Mother Earth, speaking with one spirit, one mind, and as one family, while maintaining the principles of inclusiveness and interconnectedness, reclaiming the original teachings given to the human beings by the Creator, we will restore balance and harmony to Mother Earth and all her children."

The mission statement of the convening was "We commit ourselves to sharing the collective wisdom of



our peoples for the benefit of all, for the healing of Mother Earth and all her children and to provide guidance as to how we can accomplish the healing we seek."

The gathering facilitated discussions among Indigenous peoples in North America on environmental health issues facing their communi-

ties and what it is we need to do as human beings to help Mother Earth to restore her and our families and communities back to health, harmony and balance.

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik was one of the leaders who attended the convening. For his thoughts on the convening, please

read them in his article titled, "From the Desk of the Tribal Chairman" on page 10.

Participation in the convening was by invitation only. An International Steering Committee, comprised of two Indigenous representatives from Canada, the United States and Mexico, were appointed to develop criteria for the selection of Indigenous delegates. Through the process developed by the International Steering Committee, each country invited 63 delegates and a maximum of 15 observers.

There were 234 delegates, who attended the convening, at no cost to them. Funds were raised to cover all travel costs and per diem for the participants including lodging and meals.

You may contact the International Steering Committee Members for further information on the selection process: From the Canada Region (Stuart Wuttke from the Assem-

bly of First Nations at 613-241-6789 or environment@afn.ca or Yvonne Moorhouse from Inuit Circumpolar Council at 613-563-2642 or ymoorhouse@inuitcircumpolar.com), from the United States Region (Larry Mercurieff from Seven Generations Consulting at 907-336-0678 or lmercurieff@netscape.net or Debra Harry from Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism at 775-338-5983 or dharry@ipcb.org) and the Mexico Region (Juan Sanchez, President of the Consultative Council of the National Commission for the Development of Indigenous Villages, at 045 967 10 115 46 or Felisa Gonzalez, a member of the Consultative Council of the National Commission for the Development of Indigenous Villages, at 01 982 43 47 161).

Ettawageshik helped to draft the document titled, "The Message of the

"Convening" continued on page 16.

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Being Odawa is all about Freedom

The freedom to be a part of a people, who with integrity and pride, still have and speak our language. The freedom in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the tribe forward.

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'aana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakniwinan, maadiziwin miinwa mndooaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanamaajidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadiziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazi-naa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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Happy Cinco de Mayo

The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

The deadline for the June issue of *Odawa Trails* is April 14.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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14 inches	1 col. x 14 in. \$56	\$47.60 \$44.80 \$42.00	2 col. x 14 in. \$112	\$95.20 \$89.60 \$84.00	3 col. x 14 in. \$168	\$142.80 \$134.40 \$126.00	4 col. x 14 in. \$193	\$164.05 \$154.40 \$144.75	5 col. x 14 in. \$242	\$205.70 \$193.60 \$168.00
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16 inches	1 col. x 16 in. \$64	\$54.40 \$51.20 \$48.00	2 col. x 16 in. \$128	\$108.80 \$102.40 \$96.00	3 col. x 16 in. \$192	\$163.20 \$153.60 \$144.00	4 col. x 16 in. \$208	\$176.80 \$166.40 \$156.00	5 col. x 16 in. \$260	\$221.00 \$208.00 \$195.00

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Up Close and Personal with the New Employees Serving Our Tribal Community



Orien Corbiere

Orien Corbiere, a fluent speaker from Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada, started as the Curriculum Specialist in the Language Program on March 3.

Prior to accepting his current position, Corbiere worked as the Literacy Coordinator for his tribe. He had worked in the forestry industry as a tree harvester for 15 years before teaching the language at various levels. Corbiere earned a Native Language Teaching Certificate from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.

“When I left the forestry industry, I knew right from the start, I wanted to be involved in the Native language field,” Corbiere said. “Since that time, I have focused on one goal. I wanted to be involved in Native language in a fundamental way. With this position, I feel like I have achieved the goal I set for myself 12 years ago.”

Corbiere, one of 11 children, grew up hearing only the language spoken at home, and he considers it his first language. He started speaking English in kindergarten.

Corbiere said Anishinaabemowin is a very important part of who we are as Indian people because it is fundamental to our culture, values and worldview.

“The philosophy and spirit of our ancestors is encoded in the lan-

guage,” Corbiere said. “When we talk in Anishinaabemowin, we are talking in the language of our ancestors.

“We need to study and revitalize our language in its truest form the best we can because we are retaining and revitalizing our worldview the ancestors encoded in the language.”

Corbiere earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Native Studies and a Bachelor of Education degree from Lakehead University. He is currently working on his Master’s degree in Education.

In his free time, Corbiere enjoys meeting new people, looking on the Internet for new computer software and videography. He started a community television station for his tribe.



Jessica Searles

Jessica Searles, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as a Payroll Technician in the Accounting Department on March 17. She previously worked as a Retail Clerk in the Quill Box Gift Shop inside Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, and as a hostess at Mukwa Café in Victories Casino.

Searles, who has several family members who work for Odawa Casino Resort, will graduate this spring with an Associates degree in Office Administration from North Central Michigan College, and she will receive an Accounting Certificate in the fall. She plans on pursuing an Associates degree in Accounting after that.

“I’ve always been mathematically-inclined, which has led me toward the Accounting field,” Searles said.

Searles has always lived in northern Michigan where she resides with her significant other David Harrington and her two children, Gavin, 7, and Morgan, 4. Her mother is Sharon Keller, and her father is Alvin Searles, Sr.

In her free time, Searles enjoys spending time with her family and her children and enjoys outdoor activities such as camping, fishing and long walks.



Debbie Young

Debbie Young started as the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) Project Director on March 17.

After being awarded a five-year, \$2.1 million grant by the Native American Career and Technical Education Program, LTBB created WOCTEP. Through WOCTEP, LTBB is collaborating with North Central Michigan College to offer certificate programs in Entrepreneurship, Nurse’s Aide, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy and New Media. Education Director Melissa Claramunt will oversee the grant, but Young will facilitate WOCTEP, which is still in the planning stages.

“I thought it would be wonderful to work in the tribal community in the two areas that I love, education

and technology,” said Young, who is originally from Plymouth, MI. “With this new grant, we’re entering new territory. It’s exciting to offer new educational opportunities to the tribal community. For me, it’s an exciting opportunity.”

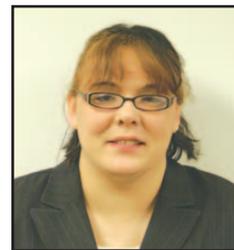
Young is a member of the tribal community. She is married to LTBB Tribal Citizen Gary Young, who works in the Regulatory Department. They have four children, Melissa, 25, Stephen, 21, Andrea, 10, and Jacob, 8. Her daughter Melissa works as an Accounting Clerk, her sister-in-law Gail Niedling works in Regulatory, her brother-in-law Gil Young works at Odawa Casino Resort, and her nephew Doug Craven is the Natural Resource Director.

“We moved to the area six years ago because we wanted to be closer to our family,” Debbie Young said.

Debbie Young earned an Associates degree in Computer Science from Wayne County Community College and earned a Bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education with a concentration on Computer Science and Mathematics from Eastern Michigan University. She hopes to pursue her Master’s degree in Education in the near future.

“I had worked as a computer programmer for more than 15 years, and I was a substitute teacher in many area schools before I started here,” Debbie Young said. “I loved to program, and I loved teaching, and this opportunity combines both. I am thrilled to be here. I can’t wait to see how it unfolds.”

In her free time, Debbie Young enjoys gardening, skiing, biking and camping with her family.



Dawn Nightlinger

Dawn Nightlinger, a LTBB Tribal Citizen, started as the WOCTEP Administrative Assistant on March 3.

Nightlinger previously worked for Kelly Temp Services, and she helps run a Native American craft store in Royal Oak, MI. She earned an Associates degree in Social Science from Bay Mills Community College.

“I feel very lucky to be a part of the Education Department family here at LTBB,” said Nightlinger, who grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Nightlinger has a husband, Kendall, has three children, Travis Laponsie and Kati and Christopher Danaher and has three stepchildren, Jared, Preston and Hope Nightlinger.

Her father is Henry Sineway. Her aunt, Rosemary Knapp, works in Marketing at Odawa Casino Resort.

In her free time, Nightlinger enjoys doing arts and crafts, attending pow wows, reading and writing poetry and short stories and helping in the community.

Employee News

LTBB Tribal Citizen Stephanie Howell started as the Benefits Coordinator in the Human Resources Department on April 7. Howell was working as the Housing Program Coordinator in the Housing Department.

Articles and photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

May Elder Birthdays

May 1
Carol Gagnon
Elisabeth Kiogima
George Pamp
Sharon Sierzputowski

May 2
Joseph Petoskey

May 3
Alvin DeGraff
Luella Moore
Patrick Naganashe
Philip Notari
Ardene Romer

May 4
Mary Keshick
William Shananaquet, Sr.
Jerry Stromske

May 5
Joseph Petoskey, Sr.

May 6
Millard Pliier
Kathleen Reick
Nancy Wanshon

May 7
Shirley Firovich
Viola McNamara

May 8
Marie Boda
Marie Deckrow
Robert Parkey
Mary Rivers
Anna Stead
Donna VanPelt

May 9
David Weaver
Charles Zehe

May 10
Elizabeth Gasco

May 12
Amelia Compeaux
Norman Leo
Michael McKeown

May 13
Laura Lonchar
Della Petoskey
Rita Smith

May 14
Shirley Chippewa
Gordon Groleau
Gloria Miller

May 15
Elizabeth Jordan
Marilyn Napont
Melvin Napont

May 16
Eileen Dennis
Geraldine Masse

May 17
Dorothy Sagataw
Judith Sandoz
James Weissgerber

May 18
Shirley Lark
Joseph Parkey
Steven Potter

May 19
Joseph Nadeau, Sr.
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May 20
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May 21
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Lawrence Skippergosh

May 22
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Shirley Davenport
Ruth McGraw
Lucile Rich

May 23
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Cheryl Samuels
Charles Sessions
Diane Trafas

May 24
Mildred LaDuke
Christine Shomin

May 25
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May 26
Mary Gasco

May 27
Gloria Chisholm
Peter Dayson
Rose Silvey

May 28
Jennie Hackbarth
Augustine Kiogima, Sr.
Catherine Merryman
Dwain Walker

May 30
Ramona Curtis
Yvonne LaPalm

May 31
James Kiogima, Sr.
Veronica Medicine
Debra Smithkey-Browne

Elders Program

Upcoming Elder Trip

The Elders Program is in the process of making travel arrangements for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Anishinaabe Family Wellness, Culture and Language Weekend in Manistee, MI, on July 24-27. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending, please contact Tina Peterson at 231-242-1423, so your name may be put on the list. The Elders Program is limited to the number of participants it may take. The selection process is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is important to call as soon as possible. Miigwetch!! The Elders Program.

Addresses Sought for Food and Utility Reimbursement

The LTBB Elders Program mailed out the applications for the 2008 Food and Utility Reimbursement.

In doing so, we have found some elders who do not have addresses on file.

If you or someone you know is on the list below, please have him or her contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 to update his or her address.

If you have access to the Inter-

net, the address verification form is available on the LTBB website at www.ltb bodawa-nsn.gov.

Frederick Blowers
Charles Brooks
Patricia Brown
Andrea Cagle
Lorraine LaCroix
Edward Paul
Joseph Petoskey
Alvina Ruth
Mabel Shomin
Dwight Stuebing

FLOWER MAKING

Share your talent and creativity! Now is the time to start working on crepe' paper flowers for this fall's flower crowns. Crepe' paper is available for pickup any Tuesday or Thursday during the Elders Luncheon. Please contact Virginia Lewis at 231-539-8633, Harriet Kishigo-Booth at 231-838-6547 or the Elders Program at 231-242-1422 for more information.

GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

The Grants and Donations Program is available. There are two programs available. Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. Donations are available for native or non-native organizations. The deadline for submitting an application is August 29, 2008. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420.

GED PREP Classes

Tuesday, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Odawa Casino Resort
Administration Offices,
911 Spring St., Petoskey, MI

Wednesday, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
LTBB Governmental Center,
Harbor Springs, MI

Mike Breen, Instructor

**For more information, please call
the Education Office at
231-242-1480.**

Ready... Set... Play!

Annual Family Resource Fair

**Saturday, April 26
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**at the LTBB Governmental Center
Activities, Games, Food, and Prizes
Bring the family! It's free and fun!**

Day Care Assistance

Applications for the 2007-2008 Day Care Assistance Program are now available.

If you live in Emmet, Charlevoix or Cheboygan County and would like more information, please stop in at Human Services, 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application. You may also call 1-888-309-5822 and ask for Human Services.
This is an income based program.

Head Start Children Make Their Monthly Visit to the Elders Luncheon

The children from the Head Start Program visited the elders at the March 27 Elders Luncheon held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. They gave the elders Easter eggs, and they sang songs to them.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



Health Department

IMPORTANT FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE

I.H.S. - CHS coverage is not automatic. You must be registered with CHS. Should you have an emergency situation requiring you to obtain care at a non- I.H.S. facility such as urgent care or the emergency room, you must notify the CHS office at 231-242-1600 within 72 hours of that visit. If you fail to do so, you will be held responsible for the bill.

Eligibility Criteria:

- You must reside in the Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA).
- Be an enrolled member or descendent of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians or be able to prove social or economic ties to the community.
- A Native American claiming eligibility for CHS has the responsibility to furnish the tribal program with documentation to substan-

tiate the claim.

- You must have an active and complete file with Contract Health before a reference number can be given.

Remember!!!!

Indian Health Service Contract Health is not an entitlement program - not everyone is eligible. Know your status before obtaining services.

Referrals:

Physicians write referrals when patients need medical care that is not available in the Tribal Clinic. A referral is not an implication the care will be paid by CHS. A patient must meet eligibility criteria, medical priorities and use all alternate resources available.

If a referral is denied for CHS payment, the patient may elect to obtain medical services at his or her own expense. In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one medical appointment. Please call Contract Health Services at 231-242-1600

prior to any follow-up appointments for approval to make sure your coverage is still in effect.

Alternate Resources:

Contract Health Service is the payer of last resort. When a patient has Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Assistance, Workman's compensation, private insurance or any other coverage, it is considered the primary carrier.

Priority system:

Medical referrals are approved for payment by a priority system.

The system has highest priority to approve conditions related to life saving or potential death threatening situations, then we approve by severity of condition.

The amount of funding we receive for CHS services is limited. When we run out of money toward the end of the year, then we have to be very strict on referral approvals and may only have the funds to pay for emergency conditions.

AFTER HOUR CLINICS FOR TRIBAL PATIENTS



Weekend Urgent Care Alternatives

Boyne Country Urgent Care
1937 M-119
Petoskey, MI 49770
231-348-9200

Quick Care Walk-In Medical Center
116 W. Mitchell Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
231-348-2828

These clinics can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.

When using one of these providers, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.



Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan 2008

Submitted by Regina Brubacker-Carver, Health Educator

The Community Health Department is once again teaming with Northern Michigan Regional Hospital and other area organizations to put on the Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan 100 Miles in 100 Days activity program.

This year, we are pleased to announce the kickoff event speaker is Billy Mills, the gold medalist in the 10,000-meter race in the 1964 Olympics. He was the first American ever to win the event, and an Oglala Sioux born in Pine Ridge, SD. Mills is a member of the United States Olympic Hall of Fame, the U.S. Track and Field Hall of Fame and the National Distance Running Hall of Fame. He is active in Native American causes and is the national spokesman for Running Strong for American Indian Youth, a non-profit organization.

The kickoff event will be May 21, and it will be at Odawa Casino Resort's Ovation Hall.

Walking Challenge



The Second Annual Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge begins May 1. Last year, we placed third of five tribes with 728,932 steps, and this year, we're going for the gold!

Here's how it works: When LTBB community members sign up with Community Health, they receive a pedometer, a log sheet and an activity conversion chart to keep track of their daily steps and activities. After the specified number of weeks, log sheets are returned to Community Health. The sheets are tallied, and the results are sent to the Inter-Tribal Council, who announces the winner at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics. The winner is determined by the highest average step count.

All LTBB participants who turn in their completed log sheets will also receive a Walking Challenge Team Member t-shirt.

Don't let distance stop you from participating. Last year, we had participants from New York and Ohio!



To sign up or for more information, please call Regina Brubacker-Carver at 231-242-1664 or Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.

Greensky Hill Church Craft Show & Flea Market

08484 Greensky Hill Rd

Saturday, May 10
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Concessions available
Free admission
Door prizes
Must be present to win

Here's what you'll find:
Native flutes
Native beadwork
Woven baskets
Candies
Birch bark products

Questions? Call Judy Johnson at 231-547-2028 or 231-599-2915

END CLAIM DENIALS

If your Social Security or long-term disability claims have been denied, you need a proven fighter with over 30 years experience handling disability claims, including 8 years as an attorney for SSA.

YOU NEED:

EVAN A. ZAGORIA, ESQ.
Provizer & Phillips, P.C.
2202 Mitchell Park Dr., Suite 2A
Petoskey, MI 49770

1-800-399-EVAN

**FREE CONSULTATION
NO FEE UNLESS BENEFITS APPROVED.**

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

If you live in Michigan and need assistance with Fuel Oil, Propane, Electric, Natural Gas or Wood/Coal and are Low Income, please stop by Human Services at 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application.

You can apply once during October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 for each type of assistance available:

- Direct Any assistance not an emergency
- Emergency: Will help with Shut-off or tank less than 10%
- Weatherization: Insulation, storm door, etc.

Applications for all programs are accepted until funds run out.

A limited supply of heaters, window plastic kits and weather-stripping is available for pickup at the Human Services Building during regular business hours.

Wedding Photos Sought

If you were married at St. Clement Catholic or St. Mary's Burt Lake churches, we would like a copy of your wedding photo. We are making an album of all of the couples who were married at these churches. If you are a current member of these churches but were married elsewhere, we would like your photo, too.

Please include the following information when submitting:

- Groom's name
- Bride's first & maiden name
- Church name
- Priest's name (if you remember it)
- Wedding date

Please submit to Donna Searles, 6100 Pleasant View Rd., Levinger, MI 49755 or by e-mail to: rdjsearles@racc2000.com. If you want your photo returned, please call 231-537-4803.

Traditional Healer

Jake Pine

is available for appointments

Tuesday, May 27 from 9 a.m. - noon
Sweat lodge may be available; please call for details.

All appointments at the
LTBB Community Health Department
1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.



Department of Commerce

Tribal Certificates of Exemption

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

As stated in previous *Odawa Trails* newsletters, LTBB has moved to using Tribal Certificates of Exemption (TCEs) as of January 1, 2008. Resident Tribal Members (RTMs) are exempt from sales tax on certain enumerated items such as vehicles, watercraft, and snowmobiles and other off the road vehicles. Affixations to your primary residence are also tax exempt. This portion does not include furniture. Items purchased for tribal fishing are also exempt. This would include vehicles,

boats, trailers, nets, etc.
 The following is the process to receive a TCE:
 The RTM must request the TCE by filling out a **Request for TCE** form. This form is on the LTBB website www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov and the P-drive (so any LTBB Governmental Employee should be able to print it). There are also forms at the Department of Commerce (DOC) Office at 1345 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI, and at the main receptionist's desk at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.
 The RTM then fills out the form and returns it to the DOC. There,

RTM status is verified as well as the item(s) being requested to make sure it/they fall within the guidelines for exemption under the Tax Agreement. The DOC will then fill in the appropriate information and make two originals for the RTM. One will go to the vendor or seller, and the other the RTM should keep in their files. One copy will be kept in the DOC Office.
 When filling out the request form, please note the following:
 1. When purchasing a vehicle, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is needed prior to receiving the TCE along with Year, Make, Model and the dealership name, address and telephone number. Dealer-

ship paperwork is preferred. The same information is needed when purchasing a vehicle from an individual.
 2. When making affixations to your primary residence and you are doing the work yourself, please make a list of all the materials and supplies needed to complete the job. This will save time and stop DOC from making several phone calls.
 3. When purchasing a modular or mobile home, the Mobil or Modular ID Number, Year, Make and model will be needed along with the seller's name, address and telephone number.
 4. If you are using a contractor

to complete the affixations to your primary residence or for new construction, the contractor will have to fill out Form 3772, **MI Sales & Use Tax Certificate of Exemption**, in addition to the TCE issued by DOC.
 5. Cost of item(s) being purchased.
 Please remember DOC Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you plan to purchase a tax-exempt item on the weekend, please contact DOC prior to doing so, so your paperwork may be completed.
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Natural Resource Department

Volunteers Sought for Annual Sturgeon Guarding Program and Sturgeon Spawning Habitat Conservation Project

Submitted by the Natural Resource Department

Sturgeon Guarding Program
 From late April throughout the month of May, Sturgeon for Tomorrow is again joining forces with Michigan citizens, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in Cheboygan County to protect spawning lake sturgeon in the Upper Black River.

"When lake sturgeon migrates upstream to spawn in the shallow riffles of the river, they are very vulnerable to poachers," President of Sturgeon for Tomorrow Brenda Archambo said. "With the help of Sturgeon Guard volunteers, we will be able to monitor key areas 24 hours a day."

When sturgeon are in the river to spawn, Michigan citizens and members of the local chapter of Sturgeon for Tomorrow stand watch and use cellular phones provided by Radio Shack of Cheboygan, MI, to report suspicious activity to conservation officers on patrol in the area.

Fisheries Biologists from LTBB, the Michigan DNR and volunteers are also on the river collecting biological data on the adults to better understand reproductive ecology and early life history of lake sturgeon.

A reward of up to \$1,000 has been offered by Sturgeon for Tomorrow and the DNR for the Report All Poaching Program for information

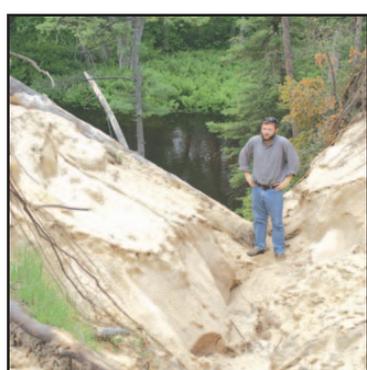
leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or people illegally taking lake sturgeon. A person convicted for the illegal harvest of a lake sturgeon faces penalties of not less than 30 days in jail and not less than \$2,000 in fines and restitution or both.

For more information and to register for the Sturgeon Guarding Program, please contact Sondra Shephard at 904-261-6909 or 231-625-9232.

Sturgeon Spawning Habitat Conservation Project

A series of three erosion sites on the banks of the Upper Black River, just upstream from Black Lake, are threatening the ecological integrity of this stretch of high-quality, cold water habitat. In addition to the ecological degradation associated with an increase in sediment input to streams, these sites are of particular interest in that this stretch of the Black River is a known spawning habitat of the state-threatened lake sturgeon. Preventing the further erosion of these sites and resultant input of sediment to the stream will help protect and restore the sensitive spawning habitat of lake sturgeon.

The three erosion sites affecting the sturgeon spawning habitat were identified in the Black Lake Watershed Stewardship Management Plan approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) in 2001. The position of the sites in relation to the river and its direction of flow, the presence of heavy foot traffic from the general public and gulling associated with storm water runoff were all cited as the sources of the erosion. In the Black Lake Watershed Management Plan, these sites were listed as "se-



vere" erosion sites, and it was noted they are contributing to the sediment load, the Black River's number one pollutant.

To successfully protect these sites from continued deterioration and to preserve the integrity of neighboring spawning grounds of the lake sturgeon, three tasks must be implemented:

1. Stabilize the shoreline and prevent further erosion and sedimentation using bioengineering techniques. This project will focus on using Large Woody Debris (LWD), coconut fiber logs, terracing and live plantings to minimize further erosion.
2. Provide educational/interpretive materials to the general public to teach about the environmental damage caused by unrestricted access to the site and the importance of using the designated path or viewing area.
3. This is also a great opportunity to educate users about the watershed and its management, non-point source pollution and habitat for endangered species.

Volunteers are needed during the month of May to assist Sturgeon for Tomorrow and Huron Pines RC&D in implementing these objectives.

For more information and to register for the Sturgeon Spawning Habitat Conservation Project, please contact Brenda Archambo at 231-625-2776 or visit www.sturgeonfortomorrow.org.

Courtesy photos.

Attention LTBB Tribal Citizens Seeking Bear and Elk Harvest Tags

Submitted by the Natural Resource Department

LTBB tribal citizens interested in harvesting bear and elk must apply for harvest tags.

For elk, tribal citizens must indicate the top three management units they are interested in hunting. Tags will be issued via lottery. The application period is May 1 through June 1. A successful applicant must wait a minimum of five years before reapplying.

For bear, the application period is May 1 through August 1. Tribal citizens must fill out an application which indicates the top three management units they are interested in hunting.

There is a \$5 non-refundable application fee for both.

To view the Natural Resources Commission Elk Policy, please visit www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/NaturalResources/LTBB%20Elk%20Policy.pdf.



Youth Services Department

Five LTBB Hawks to Represent Team Michigan at the North American Indigenous Games in August

Submitted by Joe Lucier, Youth Services Coordinator

Five LTBB Hawks basketball players made the cut to Team Michigan, Bantam division (born in 1994, 1995 and 1996), during tryouts in Charlevoix, MI, on March 15.



Amber Nowell

Claus Nowell, Amber Nowell, Yarrow Nowell, Devon Drain and Mersadz Schmidt will travel to Cowichan, British Columbia, Canada, on the island of Vancouver, to participate in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) August 4-10.



Claus Nowell

The boys team consists of nine members and two alternates. The girls

team has eight members.

Claus, Amber and Yarrow Nowell are LTBB Tribal Citizens. They are the children of Ellie Payton and Richard Nowell and the grandchildren of Harriet Kishigo-Booth and the late Jacob Booth.

NAIG has opening ceremonies, sporting competitions in 16 contemporary and traditional sporting events, cultural events and celebrations, a huge Tribal Journeys Canoe Voyage and closing ceremonies.

All regions of North America will be represented with 13 provincial and territorial teams from across Canada and as many as 20 teams from the U.S. participating.



Yarrow Nowell

The 2008 NAIG opening ceremonies is expected to draw more than 20,000 participants and spectators. Each member of Team Michigan



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Housing Department

Housing Department Programs

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. An application packet must be completed and returned to the Housing Dept. for processing to determine qualification. To obtain an application, please contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540.

Short Term Rental Assistance: This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used **ONE TIME ONLY** and the rent requested must be affordable and may not exceed 30% of the household's monthly income. Please note the application packet must be received and approved in advance of your moving into the rental in order to qualify for this program.

Home Improvement Program: This program offers up to \$2,500 for non-cosmetic home repairs and may be utilized once every five years.

Down Payment Assistance: This program offers up to \$3,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home.

Foreclosure Prevention Program: This program offers up to \$3,000 to assist in foreclosure prevention.

Well & Septic Assistance Program: Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault St. Marie, MI; this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation of a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

Credit Counseling: We provide confidential advice and referrals to assist tribal citizens in regaining their financial stability and credibility.

Tribal Housing Rental Program: This program is designed to assist families, for a limited time, until permanent housing can be found. Please submit a letter of interest and your application will be put on our waiting list for when LTBB rentals become available.



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Department
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
231-242-1540
Fax: 231-242-1550



WAH-WAHS-NOO DA KE
Elder Housing Development

Application Availability Notification

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Housing Department is accepting applications for our Elder Housing Development located in Harbor Springs, MI. The Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development consists of twelve, two (2) bedroom units nestled in a peaceful, country setting north of Harbor Springs, MI. Applicants must meet the following guidelines:

- MUST BE A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE
- MUST BE 55-YEARS OF AGE, HANDICAP AND/OR DISABLED OF ANY AGE
- MUST BE INCOME QUALIFIED - RENT BASED ON INCOME

Please note that Tribal identification and ALL household income/asset information must accompany your application.

Please contact Stephanie Howell, Housing Programs Coordinator, for more information at: 231-242-1545.



Barrier Free Units Available
Equal Housing Opportunity
TDD: 800-649-3777

Enrollment Department

Yearly Notarized Minor Address Verification Form Necessary

All minors need to have a notarized Minor Address Verification form completed yearly before November 30. No faxed or electronic versions are accepted because all forms require original signatures. Forms must be mailed to the Enrollment Department at 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 or dropped off at the aforementioned

address. The Enrollment Department is located on the first floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. If you have any questions concerning guardianship or custodial issues, please contact the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521.

Editor's note: *The Minor Address Verification form running along with this article is only an example and may not be used. However, you can download and print the Minor Address Verification form off the LTBB website, www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov, or call the Enrollment Department to have a form mailed to you.*

LTBB ID CARDS

If you live out of the state of Michigan and would like a picture identification card, send us a recent picture of yourself and your signature on white paper with no lines. Please include your date of birth or enrollment number so we can identify you. The identification cards are used at Biindigen Gas Station for a discount on gas and other products. The identification cards are also used for secondary proof of identification when applying for a Michigan Driver's license.

If you have any questions, please give us a call.
Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee 231-242-1521
Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520

Department of Commerce

How To Become a Resident Tribal Member (RTM)

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is officially changing your address with the Enrollment Department.

All RTMs are verified through Enrollment. Enrollment in turn sends the Department of Commerce (DOC) notification of your status. Please note on your Address Verification Form (AVF) the township you reside in. This alerts the Enrollment Department for RTM status.

When you change your address with the Michigan Secretary of State's office, you will be asked if you would like to register to vote; by doing so, it will note the township you reside in. Otherwise, ask one of the Enrollment Department staff when filling out your AVF.

Your RTM status does not become effective until the first day of the following month in which you moved.

Example: I changed my address with the Enrollment Department on May 3. My RTM status does not go into effect until June 1.

It is VERY important you notify Enrollment immediately when you move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA).

It is your responsibility to notify Enrollment of any changes in address or name; the DOC cannot backtrack or backdate documents in order to qualify for RTM status.

Being an RTM exempts you from paying state sales tax on large tangible items such as vehicles, boats, snowmobiles and off the road vehicles. It also applies to affixation to your primary place of residence. There is a form that needs to be filled

out to request a Tribal Certificate of Exemption (TCE). The **request** for this form (Request for TCE) can be found on the LTBB website www.ltb-bodawa-nsn.gov or by calling the DOC at 231-242-1584. Tribal Form 3998, which is the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption, may only be issued by the DOC with certain authorized signers. The signing order is as follows: DOC Assistant Theresa Keshick, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr., Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. and Chairman Frank Etawageshik (in the absence of DOC).

Please note: All RTM updates are sent to the State of Michigan on a

monthly basis as close to the end of the month as possible. If you plan to purchase a vehicle or do any remodeling to your residence, please wait until after your RTM status is effective (after the first day of the following month in which you moved); otherwise, the State of Michigan will deny your claim for a refund.

Being an RTM also exempts you from sales/use tax on utilities such as phone, Internet, satellite, gas, electric, propane and cellular service. Please fill out the **Residency Form for Tax Agreement** and return it to the address noted on the bottom of the form.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

Cross Village (all) Friendship (all) Little Traverse (all) Resort (partial) Hayes (partial) City of Petoskey (all)	Readmond (all) West Traverse (all) City of Harbor Springs (all) Bay (partial) Bear Creek (all)
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City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge)

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Single Business Tax (currently 1.9% of the applicable tax base)
5. *Motor Fuel Tax (currently 35 cents per gallon unleaded and 31 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. *Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.

*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.

*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THEIR CARDS OUT TO ANYONE.



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
 Enrollment Office
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740
 (231) 242-1520 ■ (231) 242-1521



MINOR CHILD/WARD OF THE COURT ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM
 (All minor children 17 and under MUST complete his form.)

- Parents/Legal Guardians must complete this original form AND have it notarized.
- This form must be updated every year.
- DO NOT SEPARATE.
- Photocopies or Faxes are not accepted.

I am a Parent or Legal Guardian of _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Tribal Membership #: _____ Social Security #: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 County of Residence: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

I understand and agree that this child or ward is entitled to receive a per capita distribution check from the net gaming revenues of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. I will ensure that these funds are used for the health, education or welfare of my child or ward AND for absolutely no other purpose. I understand that I may be required to submit an accounting of the expenditure of these funds to the Tribe.

Minor children who may be wards of the Tribal Court or any other court of competent jurisdiction will have their checks forwarded to the Tribal Court and the Judge will determine to whom the funds will be disbursed for the child's health, education, welfare, and require such accounting as the Court deems appropriate.

Printed Full Name of Minor Child _____ Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name _____
 Date _____ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

Acknowledged before me in _____ County, State of _____, on _____ (month/day), 20__ by _____.

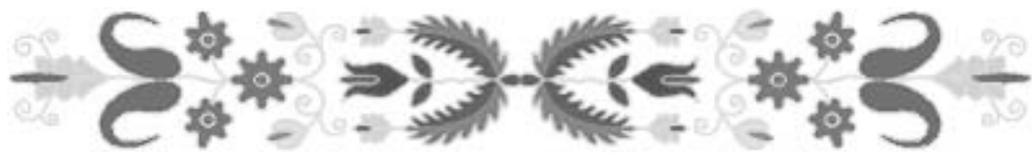
Notary Public Signature _____ Stamp/Seal _____
 My Commission Expires on _____

 TO BE COMPLETED BY LTBB STAFF-Do not write below this line.

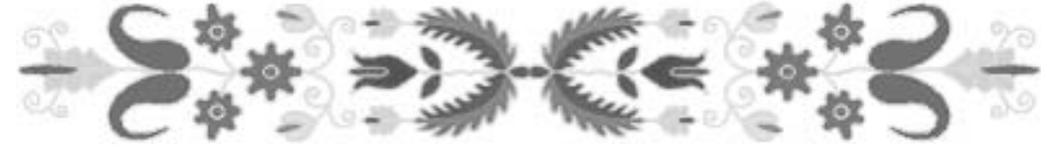
Copy: Enrollment _____ DOE: _____ Copy: Accounting _____
 Office _____

Tax Agreement Reminder

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.



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Judicial Branch

George Anthony Sworn in as a new Chief Appellate Justice for a 6-year term. Anthony replaces the retired Rita Gasco-Shepard, who served the tribe for several years.



Odawa Trails staff report

With the retirement of LTBB Tribal Citizen Rita Gasco-Shepard as the Chief Appellate Justice in the Tribal Court, LTBB Tribal Citizen George Anthony replaced her as the Chief Appellate Justice.

Chief Judge JoAnne Gasco swore in Anthony during the March 20 Elders Luncheon at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

Anthony was appointed for a six-year term.

According to the LTBB Constitution adopted on February 2, 2005, "The Tribal Appellate Court shall consist of one Chief Justice and two Associate Justices who shall meet as

often as circumstances require. At least one of the three justices shall be an attorney licensed to practice before the courts of a state in the United States and at least one of the justices shall be an enrolled Tribal member who is over fifty-five years of age."

The LTBB Constitution also states, "Each justice of the Tribal Appellate Court shall be appointed by an affirmative vote of six of the nine members of the Tribal Council."

At the March 2 Tribal Council meeting, all eight Tribal Councilors present at the meeting voted yes to appoint Anthony to the six-year term.

The Appellate Court consists of Anthony, Associate Appellate Justice Wenona Singel and Associate Appellate Justice James Genia. Singel and

Genia are both LTBB Tribal Citizens.

The Tribal Court wishes to thank Gasco-Shepard for her years of service to the tribe.

Gasco-Shepard was first appointed as a judge on February 22, 1998, and was one of the first two judges on the Tribal Court. Gasco-Shepard had 20 years of experience in the legal field, working as a legal secretary for several years, working in the district court and working as the Emmet County Probate Register before retiring at age 60.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

Legislative Corner

Submitted by the Legislative Office

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Spring is here in northern Michigan, and it is time for the Annual Citizenship Meeting (to be held May 10 at Petoskey Middle School in Petoskey, MI).

This year, the full Tribal Council is on the agenda for the meeting. We will provide a brief overview of this last year's activities and will be available for questions from our tribal citizens. We look forward to seeing you and having an opportunity to address any concerns or suggestions you may have to improve the quality of our tribe. We will have a table with handouts and information on the laws and resolutions adopted this last year.

If you would like to submit a written comment or suggestion to Tribal Council, we will also have a "Suggestion Box" available at the

meeting. For those of you not able to attend the Annual Meeting, but who would still like to submit a comment, forms are available through the Legislative Office located at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Written comment can be submitted any time to the office.

Once again, the LTBB website has been updated. It now has a new "Search" feature to assist you in navigating the Odawa Website and Registry. You can find full text of Resolutions and Statutes, up-to-date meeting minutes, Tribal Council policies and much more. Please see us at www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions you would like to share, please feel free to use our direct toll free number, 1-866-927-0077.

Miigwech, Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law and Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick.

After School Homework Lab for Grades 5-9

Where: LTBB Governmental Center, Education classroom

When: Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Drop-off: Harbor Springs Public School Bus or parent drop-off.

Pickup: Parent pickup at 5 p.m., LTBB Governmental Center.

For more information and registration, please call K-12 Student Services Coordinator Dorothy Perry at 231-242-1482.

Are you Interested in Working for the LTBB Government?

If you would like to be included in the LTBB Human Resources database, please send resume and cover letter to:

pharmon@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
(send as a Microsoft Word or as a PDF)

or

LTBB Human Resources
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740



(Important: We need an e-mail address to notify you when a position that meets your interests becomes available.)

Check our website at www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov for current openings or call our toll free hotline at 1-866-582-2562. Job postings are updated every Friday.

Make a difference...
Help a Native child...
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The LTBB Social Services Program is recruiting foster parents to provide loving Native homes to help our children. They are our future as Anishinaabek and, therefore, our most important resource.

Please contact Shann at the LTBB Social Services Program for more information: 231-242-1623.

LTBB Elders Association
Spring Flea Market/Arts & Crafts Fair
June 7, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
LTBB Governmental Center

Hurry and get a head start on your gift list! Get unique gifts for those who are hard to shop for. Concessions available from the Elders Association.

- Door Prize drawings every 15 minutes all day
- Donations to support LTBB Youth and Elder Programs

Vendors needed! Sell your handmade crafts or do your spring cleaning, sell those dusty treasures. Call Virginia Lewis at 231-539-8633 or Marcia Sutton at 231-242-1610 to reserve your table early.

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Executive Branch

From the Desk of the Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik

Ambassadorial Activities

NCAI: I attended the Winter Executive Session for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in Washington, D.C. from February 29 through March 6. On Saturday, March 1, I represented NCAI in an interview with Cable News Network (CNN) conducted at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian. I was interviewed about the apology to Native Americans attached by Senator (Sam) Brownback to the U.S. Senate version of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act reauthorization. This interview aired on Sunday, March 2.

The Executive Board of NCAI met all day on Sunday, March 2. I serve on the board as the Alternate Vice President for the Midwest Area. I met with the board Sunday morning and then I co-chaired the NCAI Federal Acknowledgement Task Force meeting from 1-5 p.m. The regular sessions started on Monday (March 3) and lasted until Wednesday morning (March 5). A full agenda for these meetings is available at www.ncai.org for those who are interested.

I spent Thursday morning (March 6) at the National Indian Health Board Appropriations Summit and the afternoon in meetings on Capitol Hill regarding Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) funding. Our D.C. lobbyist, Lydia Hofer, and I went to several offices to meet with staff for additional Fiscal Year 2009 funding and to talk about our Fiscal Year 2010 funding efforts. I returned to Harbor Springs late Thursday evening (March 6).

Club Keno Case: The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRB), the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the State of Michigan worked together to make our case to the Office of Indian Gaming Man-

agement at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the BIA to approve the Gaming Compact amendments to implement the settlement for the Club Keno case we negotiated. We jointly hired Jennifer Lindler of Alea Associates, who prepared a report that helped us make our case.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 5, we had a meeting in Washington D.C. with George Skibine and Paula Hart of the Indian Gaming Management Office at the BIA. Jim Bransky and I were there for LTBB, attorneys Dan Green and Joe Martin were there for LRB, John Wernet was there for the Governor's office and Jennifer Lindler was there to answer questions about her report. We left this meeting with the understanding that at the very least we would get the amendments "deemed approved" if not actually get an approval. On Monday, March 10, we got a faxed copy of the deemed approved letter. We still had to wait for the Federal Register publication before all parties were ready to make the announcement.

There are two parts to this settlement: The compact amendments have now been deemed approved at the Department of the Interior, and a stipulation filed in federal court ends the case and provides for splitting the escrowed funds being held by the court. As you recall, LTBB will be getting approximately \$9.65 million, which will be placed in the sinking fund for debt retirement on the Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI, after repayment of legal fees for this case.

We prepared a joint press release with Little River and the State of Michigan. I spent a good deal of Friday, March 21 doing interviews by phone with various news media from around the state.

NLEA: Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. and I attended the annual meeting of the Northern Lakes Eco-

nomics Alliance (NLEA) at Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, MI, on Friday, March 7. Andy Hayes of the NLEA and I are setting up a meeting to discuss the possible affiliation of LTBB with the Alliance.

MAST: Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. attended the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week in Washington, D.C. the second week of March. He met with our lobbyist, Lydia Hofer, and they had several meetings on Capitol Hill.

Palenque, Mexico: During the second week of March, I attended *The Convening of Indigenous Peoples for the Healing of Mother Earth*. This gathering was held at the city of Palenque in the State of Chiapas, in southern Mexico. Approximately 200 delegates attended from all over North America from the Arctic Circle to the southern border of Mexico plus another approximately 150 observers, press and staff. This is the event for which I attended a planning session in Virginia last April. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Environment Canada and the Mexican Environment Ministry were all facilitators for this event planned and executed by indigenous peoples. Funds were raised to cover all travel costs and per diem for the participants including lodging and meals. We had simultaneous translation via head sets for all participants in Spanish, English and French.

We opened the convening with a sunrise ceremony Monday morning (March 10) at the Mayan ruins of Palenque, which date from 100 B.C. to 900 A.D. Spiritual leaders from the Maya conducted the ceremony on a large grassy area in front of the ruins. The weather was very hot, and our meeting rooms were air-conditioned. Due to the extremes in temperature from walking back and forth between the hot outside and the cool inside, the cold I took with me turned into bronchitis late Wednesday afternoon (March 12) and I made a trip to the

local emergency room. I received a breathing treatment and some antibiotics and was released three hours later to go back to the conference.

I was one of the drafting team for a document we prepared from the discussions held at the convening. After a long floor debate on Thursday afternoon (March 13), we reached consensus on the document titled *"The Message of the Living Spirit from the Convening of Indigenous Peoples for the Healing of Mother Earth from the Traditional Territory of the Maya."* A copy of this message will soon be available at www.indigenous-convening.com or on the Executive Branch page of our LTBB website, www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov.

Lobbying: We continue to monitor the progress of the legislation at the Michigan Legislature regarding approval and implementation of the Interstate Compact that will help protect our Great Lakes surface and ground waters. So far, the drafts being considered fall short of what we believe need to be in place. We also are working in Washington D.C. on funding legislation for Indian health care and natural resource protection.

Implementation of Statutes and Resolutions

Signing: I have signed and returned to the Legislative Office all resolutions from the past month. I expect to sign the Supplemental Appropriations Procedures Policy Statute as well before the April 6 Tribal Council meeting.

Regulations: We continue to work on several sets of regulations.

Oversight of Commissions and Programs

Legal Department: I've been working with our Legal Department on the Club Keno settlement. We have successfully completed the negotiating and approvals on this project. All we have left to do is the implementation and transfer of funds.

We also have submitted to Tribal Council for review and approval documents regarding the dissolution of the Reciprocal Easement Agreement (REA) for the Health Park in Petoskey, MI, and for approval of a storm water easement we are obtaining from the City of Petoskey for the storm water from the Hager Drive improvement project at the Health Park.

Enterprise Oversight Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.:

Our first tribal corporation under our corporations code has now formed a partnership with the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Economic Development Corporation. This partnership is called Nimkee Technologies, LLC. We had the organizational meeting for Nimkee Technologies, LLC on February 27 by telephone conference. Officers selected were Chairman of the Board Frank Ettawageshik, Chief Executive Officer Bruce Parry, Secretary Michael Devine, Treasurer Alan Proctor, Vice Presidents Beatrice A. Law, Gerald Chingwa, John Warner, and Gwen Davis. Corporate Officers are Michael Devine, Chief Operating Officer, and Blake Rigby, Chief Financial Officer.

OEM Report: The monthly Odawa Enterprise Management (OEM) report from OEM Director Chuck Schofield includes a draft resolution to reestablish the line-of-credit for Bell's Fishery in Mackinaw City, MI. The OEM Director and I have discussed how having the line-of-credit has helped Bell's bottom line in the past few months and why it is necessary in order to keep this progress going.

Report from our Owners Representative on the Odawa Casino Resort: We are getting closer to closing the project out, but we still have some issues to finish. We are down to approximately 4% of our project budget yet to pay out.

Family Sledding Party Sponsored by Youth Services Department and Community Health Program Held March 12 at Kiwanis Club in Harbor Springs, MI

Photos by Health Department Administrative Assistant Gwen Gasco.



Environmental Services

See North Birds of Prey Program Highlights Science is Wild - Family Fun Night Sponsored by the Environmental Services Department



Submitted by Robin Clark, Air Quality Specialist

Approximately 90 LTBB Tribal Citizens and Community Members enjoyed Science is Wild - Family

Night hosted by the Environmental Services Department on March 20.

The event, held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, featured a presentation by the See North Birds of Prey program where LTBB Community Families got up close and personal with a red-tailed hawk, a screech owl and a barn owl.

For dinner, the Environmental Services Department provided pizza and drinks using recycled plates and napkins and biodegradable cups made from corn.



lab demonstrations led by Lab Technician Mike Holmes, Environmental Science Quiz Bowl led by Environmental Services Director Rachel Schwarz and Air Quality Specialist Robin Clark and the Anishinaabemowin Grand Prize Game led by Language Program Coordinator

were entered in a drawing for an ant farm. Children over age seven were entered in a drawing for a microscope, binoculars, a set of field guides and "Radon Ranger" t-shirts.

The event was a success and flew by quick!



All of us in the Environmental Services Department would like to say "chi-miigwetch" to everyone who came to the Science is Wild - Family Fun Night. We would also like to thank Mark Tracy, Joe Lucier and Carla McFall for their help with the event.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Amette VanDeCar.



Youth Services Coordinator Joe Lucier provided a popcorn machine, and Management Information Systems Director Mark Tracy made and served the popcorn.

Activities included the Wheel of Wetlands led by Wetland Specialist Jackie Pilette, build your own caddis fly casing led by Environmental Assistant Regina Gasco and Water Quality Specialist Kira Davis, hydro-



Carla McFall.

Through these activities, the children learned more about surface water, ground water, wetlands, air quality, recycling, local plants and animals and our Anishinaabe language. The kids received prizes, including a t-shirt, smencils (scented recycled pencils) and candy. Children under age seven received binoculars and



WE HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING THE KWIS & TIIO COMIC STRIP

Submitted by Robin Clark, Air Quality Specialist

humor and environmental lessons in them.

Hopefully, you noticed the Kwis & Tiio comic strip printed in last month's Odawa Trails newsletter. Over the next few months, we will continue to print Kwis & Tiio comics.

In this month's comic, Kwis & Tiiio talk about a new waste transfer station. On the LTBB Reservation, we have the Emmet County Waste Transfer Station at 7363 Pleasantview Road in Harbor Springs, MI, along with several recycling drop off stations. The phone number to the Emmet County Waste Transfer Station is 231-526-2031.

For more information about the comics, please contact Robin Clark at 231-242-1425.

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On the Pow Wow Trail

Compiled by Tina Peterson and Annette VanDeCar

Michigan

June 14-15

29th Annual Homecoming of the Three Fires Traditional Pow Wow
Riverside Park on Monroe Avenue
Grand Rapids, MI
Contact Information: 616-458-8759 or grboi3fpw@yahoo.com

June 14-15

Gathering of the Clans Pow Wow
5698 W. Highway U.S. 2
Manistique, MI
Contact Information: Viola Neadow, Sharon Hutchison and Denise Chase at 906-341-6993, 1-800-347-7137 or vneadow@saultribe.net

June 20-22

Ninth Riverbank Traditional Pow Wow
Louis Adado Riverfront Park
Lansing, MI
Contact Information: 517-543-7153, 517-393-7236 or www.riverbankpowwow.com

June 20-22

Great Lakes Area Traditional Pow Wow
Hannahville, MI
Contact Information: Jeremiah Jackson at 906-466-2935 or honnabones@aol.com

June 21-22

Honoring Our Sisters Pow Wow
Brooklyn, MI
Contact Information: Davi Trusty at 1-800-322-1209

June 28-29

Seventh Annual Mending the Sacred Hoop Pow Wow
Cal Zorn Park
Tecumseh, MI
Contact Information: Cool Wind Bear at 517-263-3233 or CoolWindBear@Msn.Com

Wisconsin

May 16-18

19th Annual Gathering of Warriors Traditional Pow Wow
Woodland Bowl
Keshena, WI
Host Drum: Spirit Bear
Contact Information: 715-799-3729, 715-799-3264 or menomcvso@frontiernet.net

May 24-26

Ho-Chunk Wazijaci Memorial Contest Pow Wow
Red Cloud Memorial Park

Black River Falls, WI

Contact Information: 1-800-294-9394, ext. 1123, 715-896-5191 or 715-896-5192

May 30-June 1

18th Annual LCO Ojibwe School Contest Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds
Hayward, WI
Contact Information: 715-634-8924 or www.lcoschools.bia.edu

June 14-15

19th Annual Honor the Fire Keepers Traditional Pow Wow
Dunn Field
Lake Geneva, WI
Contact Information: 708-715-5042, 262-248-2784 or lsobey@comcast.net

June 21

Eagle's Nest Youth Traditional Pow Wow
Trails End Campground
Coloma, WI
Contact Information: 608-296-4023

June 27-29

16th Annual St. Croix Chippewa Contest Pow Wow
Mak'oodo Arena
Turtle Lake, WI
Contact Information: 1-800-236-2195, ext. 5188, 1-800-846-8946, ext. 3047

Minnesota

April 25-26

35th Annual Council of Indian SDT Traditional Pow Wow
John Glas Fieldhouse
Bemidji, MN
Contact Information: 218-755-2032, 218-766-2378 or jryder@bemidjistate.edu

May 9-10

19th Annual Mankato State University Traditional Pow Wow
MSU campus
Mankato, MN
Contact Information: 507-389-5230 or david.larsen@mnsu.edu

May 23-25

Leech Lake Spring Traditional Pow Wow
Veteran's Memorial Grounds
Cass Lake, MN
Contact Information: 218-335-7034, 218-335-7400 or jerry.moran@leechlakegaming.com

May 30-June 1

Fourth Annual Seven Clans Contest Pow Wow
Seven Clans Casino
Thief River Falls, MN
Host Drum:
The Boyz & High Noon
Contact Information: 218-679-3361, ext. 1404, www.sevenclanscasino.com or ralussier@sevenclanscasino.com.

June 6-8

Sah-Gii-Bah-Gah Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds
Nett Lake, MN
Contact Information: 218-757-3261, www.powwowtime.bravehost.com or bf_powwow@yahoo.com

June 7-8

Sixth Annual Dakota Homecoming Traditional Pow Wow
Unity Park
Winona, MN
Contact Information: 507-452-2278, www.dakotahomecoming.org or BALdrich@winona.edu

June 13-15

140th Annual White Earth Traditional Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds
White Earth, MN
Contact Information: 1-800-950-3248, ext. 1337 or henryf@whiteearth.com

June 20-22

Lake Vermillion Traditional Pow Wow 2008
Lake Vermillion Pow Wow Grounds
Lake Vermillion, MN
Contact Information: Tracey Dagen at 218-753-7713 or tdagen@fortunebay.com

June 20-22

17th Annual Grand Celebration Contest Pow Wow
Pow Wow Grounds
Hinckley, MN
Contact Information: 1-800-472-6321, ext. 4843 and ext. 4556 or www.grandcasinosmn.com

June 21-22

Henvey Inlet First Nation Fifth Annual Traditional Pow Wow
Highway 69 in Sudbury, MN
Contact Information: Kimberly McQuabbie at 705-857-0957 or hifnpowwow@gmail.com

Resident Tribal Members (RTM): In the event the Department of Commerce (DOC) is out of the office, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420 if you are in need of a Tribal Certificate of Exemption (TCE). Wiatrolik will process your "Request for TCE" in my absence.
Megwetch, DOC Assistant Theresa Keshick.

Wanted: Lawn Contractors

The LTBB Elders Program seeks a lawn maintenance contractor to mow elders' lawns during the summer of 2008.

Interested individuals should submit an application to the Accounting Department located at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, or call Christine Breed at 231-242-1443.

Education Commission News

The Education Commission (Chairperson Lily Anderson, Secretary Catherine Laba and Treasurer Harriet Kishigo-Booth) will have an activity and informational table at the Annual Family Resource Fair on April 26. Please stop and visit. They are interested in getting your comments on LTBB educational programs. If you are unable to meet with them there, you can mail your comments to Chairperson Lily Anderson at N 9700 Norway Lake Road, Felch, MI 49831 or e-mail them to LAnderson@diisd.org.

Meeting Notice
The Education Commission will meet April 25 at 6 p.m.

Youth Services Department

NCAI Executive Council Winter Session a Memorable Experience for the LTBB Contingent

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Youth Services Coordinator Joe Lucier called it a life-changing event.

Lucier, Tribal Chairman Frank Etawageshik, Tribal Council Treasurer Gerald Chingwa and LTBB Tribal Citizen Cynthia Biro attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Council Winter Session held February 29 through March 6 in Washington, D.C.

"The city is amazing," Lucier said of Washington, D.C. "It's inspiring to go somewhere so many leaders have been. We were only five blocks from the White House so there were a lot of sightseeing opportunities to explore."

For Lucier, his most memorable

sightseeing trips included visiting Arlington National Cemetery and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

He saw the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

"It was a great honor to visit Arlington National Cemetery," Lucier said. "It was an uplifting experience."

"The holocaust museum was powerful and very sad. You realize how important it is to remember what happened and how important it is to tell the future generations about it."

Democratic National Committee Chairman and former Vermont Governor Howard Dean addressed the NCAI General Assembly about the importance of Native participation in the

electoral process and organizing the Native vote on and off reservations.

Representatives of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and Senator Barack Obama also spoke to those in attendance at the winter session.

NCAI leaders came to a consensus on the organization's 2008 political platform, and then dispersed to present it to individual lawmakers. Lucier and Biro accompanied Chingwa to Michigan Congressman Bart Stupak's office where they saw Stupak briefly.

"It's surprising how easy the process is," Lucier said of approaching lawmakers.

The LTBB contingent also attended a reception at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian featuring Native cui-

sine from different parts of the country.

Biro, the daughter of James Biro and Valerie (Laughlin) Biro, is the NCAI Youth Commission Alternate Representative, and Cynthia Biro helped lead the NCAI Youth Commission's breakout sessions at the Executive Council Winter Session. Because of her age, Cynthia Biro will shortly step aside to allow other LTBB Youth to assume leadership roles within NCAI.

If you are a LTBB Youth interested in assuming a leadership role or you know a LTBB Youth who might be interested, please contact Lucier at 231-242-1593.



Tribal Council Meeting Minutes

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

**Tribal Council Meeting
March 2, 2008**

Closed Session: none
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Dexter McNamara
Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Marvin Mulholland
Absent: Councilor Shirley Oldman
Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Executive Assistant Rebecca Fisher, Transportation Planner Ben Banfield, Natural Resource Commissioner John Keshick

Guests: Fred Kiogima, Marie Miller, Marilyn Hume, John Kewagama, Marty VandeCar, Denise Petoskey, Pauline Anthony, George Anthony, Rita Shananaquet
Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adopt the agenda for March 2, 2008 as amended.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the Minutes of February 17, 2008 as corrected.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)
Motion carried.

Tribal Elder Comment: no comments at this time.

10:40 a.m. Recess called.

10:49 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Mulholland to place the Trust Fund Board Statute on the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)
Motion carried.

11:46 a.m. Public Comment: John Kawegoma spoke regarding the proposed enrollment statute and what happens to applications received prior to this statute being enacted. John also spoke regarding Casino employment with Indian preference in hiring and annual raises. Rita Shananaquet spoke on two (2) Court Cases regarding Indian preference in hiring as discriminatory.

11:58 a.m. Public Comment closed.

11:58 a.m. Lunch recess called until 1:30 p.m.

1:31 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., that we appoint Tribal Elder George Anthony to the Appellate Court Justice to serve a term of 6-years pending the receipt of a criminal background investigation.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Mulholland to appoint Marilyn Hume to the Gaming Regulatory Commission to serve the remainder of a term beginning September 21, 2006 and ending September 21, 2009 pending a successful background check.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Process for Appropriations and Supplemental Funding.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., Jrs.-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans, Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Program: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Waganakising Odawamowin Implementation Project.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Long Range Transportation Plan FY 2008.

Motion on hold in consideration of Public Comment.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment: Denise Petoskey spoke regarding the Election Board's project update. Rita Shananaquet spoke regarding day-care issues and casino employee cutbacks in work hours. Fred Kiogima spoke regarding his opposition regarding employment preference for a Tribal Citizen spouse. Fred also spoke regarding Tribal Citizen's assistance within the Housing Department guidelines. Michele LaCount spoke regarding the Indian Preference in Hiring Statute regarding employment layoffs and conducting future internal financial audits to justify the Tribes financial state prior to the casino issuing employment layoffs. Michele also spoke regarding road improvements within the 1855 Reservation boundaries and in the future for the 1836 Reservation recognition.

3:10 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:10 p.m. Recess called.

3:20 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Previous motion resumed.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Indian Reservation Roads Inventory Additions FY 2008.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution Approval of FY 2008 Tribal Transportation Improvement Program.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Kiogima to approve Enrollment list A - Eligible for Citizenship dated February 20, 2008 for a total of 14.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Oldman)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to approve Enrollment list B - Declination Ineligible dated February 20, 2008 for a total of 9.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Harrington, Jr.), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Old-

man)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorization to Enter into Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Coast Guard.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-no, Councilor Kiogima-no, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to adopt Tribal Resolution Approval of Leases. Funding

Tribal Council Meeting Dates 2008

**May 3 Work Session
May 4 Council Meeting
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Gerald Chingwa, Treasurer
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Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor
Alice Yellowbank, Councilor
Dexter McNamara, Councilor
Marvin Mulholland, Councilor

to come from prior year funds in the amount of \$9,825.00.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Treasurer Chingwa departed the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr. to accept the Tribal Treasurer's verbal report.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Oldman, Treasurer Chingwa)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept the Legislative Leader verbal and written report with confidential items contained therein.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Oldman, Treasurer Chingwa)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the resignation of Councilor Yellowbank from the Land and Reservation Committee and appoint Secretary Gasco Bentley to the Committee.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Oldman, Treasurer Chingwa)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept Councilor Harrington, Jr.'s verbal report.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Oldman, Treasurer Chingwa)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Mulholland to accept the Legislative Services Attorney's verbal and written report.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Oldman, Treasurer Chingwa)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to accept Councilor Kiogima's verbal and written Land and Reservation Committee report.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Oldman, Treasurer Chingwa)
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor McNamara to adjourn at 4:49 p.m.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Councilor Oldman, Treasurer Chingwa)
Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved: Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

March 16, 2008

Closed Session: none

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Shirley Oldman
Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer Gerald Chingwa, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Marvin Mulholland, Councilor Shirley Oldman

Absent: none

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Linda Gokee-Enrollment Department, Pauline Boulton Enrollment Department Director, Dorothy Boda-Citizenship Commissioner, Alice Hughes-Citizenship Commissioner, Marcia Sutton- Citizenship Commissioner, Carol McFall-Citizenship Commissioner
Guests: Elizabeth Murner, Avery Hanel, Fred Kiogima

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt the agenda as amended for March 16, 2008 in honor of "Hap" Irving McCue for his efforts revitalizing Anishnaabemowin.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Harrington that we approve the Minutes of March 2, 2008 as corrected.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Citizenship Statute draft mark up with the Citizenship Commission.

Tribal Elder Comments: no comments.

Citizenship Statute draft mark up with the Citizenship Commission continued and then concluded.

11:06 a.m. Recess called.

11:17 a.m. Meeting reconvened

Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Oldman to send the Support the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Building Fund Prior Period Funds in the Amount of \$3,000.00 back to the Appropriations and Finance Committee for further review.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Yellowbank), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to send the Preliminary Analysis and Feasibility Study for Victories Property in the amount of

\$35,000.00 from Prior Period Funds to the Appropriations and Finance Committee for further review.

Motion on hold in consideration of Public Comment.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount spoke regarding concerns with day-care assistance income guidelines using an all or nothing income scale. Fred Harrington, Jr., spoke regarding "Hap" Irving McCue.

12:00 p.m. Public Comment closed.
Discussion regarding previous motion continues.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

12:03 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:33 p.m. Meeting resumed.

Proposed Legislation, Dissolution of Marriage Statute document was worked on.

Proposed Legislation, Natural Resource Protection Statute document was tabled until the next agenda.

Proposed Legislation, Fair Employment Statute document was worked on.

Proposed Legislation, Management and Labor Relations Statute document was worked on.

3:01 p.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount regarding fair employment for all government workers including those who work for the Tribes non-gaming enterprises.

3:11 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:15 p.m. Recess called.

3:26 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

The Trust Fund Board draft statute was worked on.

The Notary Public draft statute was worked on. Motion made by Treasurer Chingwa and supported by Councilor Harrington, Jr., to adopt Tribal Resolution Request for Funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Business - Cooperative Service, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Rural Business Opportunity Grant.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Harrington, Jr., -yes, Councilor Kiogima-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Mulholland-yes, Councilor Oldman-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Chingwa-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Chingwa to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report with confidential materials contained therein.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Kiogima to accept the Tribal Treasurer's verbal report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Land and Reservation Committee's verbal report provided by the Committee Chairperson, Councilor Kiogima.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Oldman and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to accept Councilor Harrington, Jr.'s verbal and written report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima and supported by Councilor Oldman to accept the Legislative Services Attorney's verbal report.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr., and supported by Councilor Mulholland to adjourn at 5:01 p.m.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

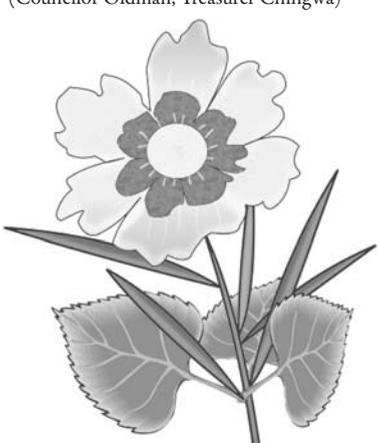
These Minutes have been read and approved as written:

Approved: _

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary

Date

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LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION: \$ 175 if received by Friday, May 2
LATE REGISTRATION: \$ 200 after Friday, May 2
Registration Deadline: Thursday, May 15 for registration fees and roster. Please make checks payable to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Mail payment to: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Attn: Accounting Department
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49770

For more information or to register, call Youth Services Program Coordinator Joe Lucier at 231-838-5473.

Lines
From our
Membership

Mother's Day

BIRTHDAYS

Belated birthday wishes to my little **Weezer** on April 14. I didn't forget you, never have and never will! I hope your special day was a happy one, and one where you put yourself first for a change. All my love, Mom.

Belated birthday wishes to my granddaughters: **Marina Moore** in January, **Aaliyah Lewis** in February and **Nicky Reed** in March. Grandma misses all of you and hopes to see you soon. Love, Grandma Virginia Lewis.

Happy belated birthday to **Madd Loone**, who celebrated on April 10. We luv you and miss you. From your Michigan family and Belz Elz.

Aanii Nsy'enh, **Reginald Karl Dodge, Jr., Raggy Mjiikwis**. MinoDibishkaan! Aapiji Gazaagigo, Pane. Gdanwenmaaganak, Gshiimenh Carla.

Happy birthday to a great brother and uncle, **Bart Gasco**, on May 11. We love you, Gina, Bill, Brittany, Liz and Matt.

If you see **Patrick Naganashe**, please wish him a very happy birthday on May 3. You're the greatest brother. From the Oldman family.

Mno dbishkaan to **Theresa Keshick** and **John Keshick, Jr.** Hope it's a grand year! Love, your favorite Auntie.

Happy birthday little brother, **Ron Willis, Sr.**, (even though I have to look up to you). Have a wonderful day. Sister Nell.

Birthday wishes go out to **Cassandra (Cassie) Gibson** on May 4! Hope you have a great year! With love and well wishes, Theresa, Michael and Jordan.

Elizabeth Gasco's big day is May 10!! Happy 82nd birthday Grandma!! Thank you for always being there for us. We love you! Lula, Patricia and Veronica.

We wish to say happy birthday to **Mary Powell, Patrick Naganashe, Lucas Shananaquet, Raymond Miller, Nicole Laughlin** and **Rowdy Yates**. From Dorothy and Dan Boda.

Grandma: You are such a blessing, and I thank God for you, especially on our birthday (May 10)! Thank you for always being someone I looked up to and respected. I love you, and I hope you have a great birthday! This year, we actually get to celebrate together! Mary.

I'd like to wish happy birthday to my **mother, brother** and **sister**. I hope you all have fun on your special day. Ka-Ching! I can hear those machines already! Aye! Love, Yvonne.

BIRTHDAYS



Happy second birthday to MskoMgizi (**Tavien Joseph Lucier**). Love, Mommy and family.

Birthday wishes to my daughter, **Cindy Reed**, on May 18, my granddaughter, **Ella Moore**, on May 23 and my niece, **Angela Friend**, on May 27. Sending the very best wishes from your Mom, Grandma and Aunt Virginia Lewis.

Let's not forget to wish **Barry Laughlin** a happy birthday on his special day, May 3. Happy birthday Barry and many, many more. From the Oldman family.



Happy birthday to my **favorite sister**. She's turning 40 on May 17. Can you guess who she is??? Love, Your Unnamed Brother.

Happy birthday to a beautiful person in our lives, **Anna Mae Stead**. If anyone sees Ann, please wish her a very happy birthday on May 8. From the Oldman family.

Happy birthday to **Jeremiah Compo**. We love you very much. We hope you have a great year. Love, from all of us, your wife, Barbara, and your kids, Dalty, Kotah and Iddy.

Happy birthday Mom/Grandma **Mary (Keshick)** on May 4!!! We love you very, very much! You're the best (as Jordan says)! Also, birthday wishes to my bro, **Jr.**, (aka **John Keshick, Jr.**) and Uncle. Hope you get lots of whitefish! And, to cousins, **Marilyn** and **Melvin Napont**, on May 15. God bless you both! Happy birthday to my niece in Chicago, **Rebecca Prater**, on May 29! We love you, too! May the Creator bless and be with you all, always! Love, Theresa Christine, Michael and Jordan.

Happy ninth birthday to my youngest, little **granddaughter** on May 20 in Grand Rapids, MI. Hope your day is filled with lots of fun, cake, ice cream and presents. All my love, your up north Grandma (and Tarbaby).

Happy third birthday to **Klayton** and **Kelsey Wiatrolik** on May 31. Love, Aunt Melissa and your cousins, Jordan and Alicia.

Happy ninth birthday goes out to **Alexis "Peanut" Harmon** on May 20. One more year and you reach double digits! Love, Uncle Phil, Aunt Jen, Cousin Peyton and Justice.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday **Mom (Viola Mc-Namara)** on May 7. Kina gegoo emiighaang. Love, Dexter, Deb, Derek, Shane, Billy, Gunnar, Mary Lou, Cheryl, Brian, Macklin, Jada, Manice and Joe.

Happy birthday to **Barbara Laughlin** on May 28. "You've come a long way, baby." Take a break today, you deserve it. From the Oldman family.

Happy second birthday to **McKenzie Kiogima** on May 31. You are growing up way too fast! Love Dadda, Momma, Sissies and Baby.

MinoDibishkaak Nwiitaawis **Sharon Sierzputowski** miinwa Nwiijikiwenhak **Shann Davenport** miinwa **Jannan "ZiibwaaganKwe" Cornstalk**, aka ChiGiigidoKwe!

Happy birthday **Great-Grandma Gasco!!** You are the greatest! Love, Tahir, Kiara, Alex, Sarah Joy, John Solomon, Ethan and Gracie.

Happy birthday to **Amelia Compeaux**. I hope you have a prosperous and joyous year. Love, your favorite sister.

Happy 27th birthday to **David King** on May 10. We hope you have a great day. From the King and VanDeCar families.

Happy birthday to **Cynthia "Wild One" Carver** on May 3 from Papa Carver and Regina. We hope you have a great one!

Happy birthday to our second oldest son, **Stephen Oldman, Jr.**, on May 28. We love you! From Mom, Dad and the rest of the Oldman clan.



Happy belated birthday to **Virgil Honson**, who celebrated his BIG day on April 25. From your forgetful but loving girlfriend, Marci :))

Happy birthday to **Jai-leah** on May 23. Hope you have a restful but wonderful and prosperous year! Love, Mommy Dearest.

Happy birthday to "**Sue Bee**," who celebrates on May 27! Hope this year is a blast for ya! The Gascos.

Belated birthday wishes for **Denise Petoskey** on April 26. I may be late but you are not forgotten... Marci

Happy birthday to **David Jewell** on May 12!! I hope it's as wonderful as you are! Luv, Your favorite auntie, Andrea.

Happy birthday to Big **Ron Willis, Sr.** on May 9. One more year, I'll be kicking your butt on the golf course. Love, nephew Phil.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday on May 2 to the fabulous **Sydney Kay** - you are mah-vellous! Love, Aunt Gina and Uncle.

Happy birthday and have a great day, **Wayne Wilson**, on May 5. We love you, Aunt Gina, Uncle Bill, Brittany, Liz and Matt.

Happy 19th birthday to **Mary Gasco!** We miss watching movies with you! Love, Veronica, Tahir, Kiara and Alex.

Mary Keshick: Happy birthday and remember, put in more than one quarter at a time! Happy day. Love, Tootsie.

Happy 50th (he-he-he) birthday to **Dan Portman** on May 21. We love you, brother! Michele and Greg.

Happy birthday to **Dorothy Boda** on May 22. Have a great day!!! From the Oldman family.

Happy birthday to **Angela Friend** on May 26. From your Aunt Virginia.

Happy birthday to **Eva Sheldon** on May 2. Love, Liz and Avery.

Doug, Jeff and Patti wish **Mom** a big "60."

Happy 89th birthday to **Elizabeth Jordan** on May 15. Love, your family.

Happy birthday to our "**Smooch**" on his 25th b-day on May 12. Love, the native Burkses.

Happy third birthday to **Klayton & Kelsey**. Love, Mom & Dad.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tribal Citizen Holly Keller and her band, **Pinky Lee**, on being a finalist on Prairie Home Companion's Talented 20's. I listened to the show, and it was amazing. You have a new fan! Submitted by Katie Bauer.

Congratulations to **Auntie B** and **Uncle Tony** for the new baby cousin for us to play with. We can't wait to see him! We love you, So-Fresh and Camer.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Happy Mother's Day to the greatest **Mammie** ever. Thank you for being our rock all these years. Hopefully, we can be as strong as you are! From the Gasco family.

Happy Mother's Day to my Mama, **Michele LaCount**, and Grandma Nana, **Suzanne Portman**. Love, Liz and Avery.

Happy Mother's Day to the **General**. We'll pamper you on your special day and take you out to a nice dinner. Something a lot nicer than your "Hopper." We appreciate everything you do for us. Love, all of your kiddies.

Happy Mother's Day to our sweet mother, **Mary A. Burks**, queen of the exercise shoe! Love, Mama's Dolly, the Slick Sisters, Sunshine and Radio.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Happy Mother's Day to **Shirley Adkins**. Love ya lots, Chriser.

To a very special lady, who gives us the strength and encouragement to try our best everyday. Happy Mother's Day **Mom**, Gzaaguhn Netawn, Archie III, Gina Jr. and Krystal.

Happy Mother's Day to the woman, who taught me the importance of proper e-nun-ci-a-tion, **Mary Burks**. Love, Lita Perreault.

Happy Mother's Day to our wonderful mother, **Rosanna Givens**, who gives us her support and love. From your loving kids, John, Mark, Mike, Trish and Harriet.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our LTBB Tribal Mothers.

Walking On...

Albert L. Shomin, 85
Albert L. Shomin, 85, of Grand Rapids, MI, a veteran of World War II, walked on March 8. Surviving are his children, Janice (Fred) Shackelford, Marilyn (Marshall) Muskovin, Christine Shomin, Angela (Ron) Patterson, Catherine (Bill) Rotan, Gary (Janet) Smith, Jacqueline (Don) Myers and George Shomin; grandchildren, Billi Jo, Bret, Anthony, Paul, Jr., Rose, Elizabeth, Angela, Trevor, Joseph, Melissa, Joshua, LeRoy, Waylon and Rachael; siblings, Mabel, Gordon, Mildred and Paul Shomin; and many nieces, nephews, great grandchildren and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Shomin; son, Leonard Shomin; daughter, Vivian Enders; grandchildren, Sarah, Twyla, Brandi and Christina. He was a devoted Catholic. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and loved sports, particularly baseball.

Miigwetch

The family of **William "Billy" L. Massey** would like to take this time to thank all relatives, friends and neighbors, who helped out in any way during the loss of our brother, uncle, father and grandfather. To all of those who called; sent cards, flowers and food; and gave memorials and gifts of money. To the firekeepers and pallbearers; Don Boda for carrying the cross; and Dorothy Boda for the wreath and pictures. To Nancy Shananaquet and her family and to the ladies, who helped prepare the food and served the luncheon after the service. To Billy's special friends, Juan Velligas and Rita Shananaquet. To all, who we may have overlooked. A special Chi-Megwetch to Frank Ettawageshik for the kind and beautiful words at the eulogy. May God bless you, one and all.

The family of Billy Massey, Doris Massey, Loretta Parkey and David Massey, Sr.

This letter is in thanks and appreciation to the **people of LTBB** for all of your generosity and kindness in our move here from Grand Rapids, MI. Being welcomed into the community makes everything worthwhile. Sincerely, Tami Mills and family.

Native News

NATIVE NEWS BRIEFS

Odawa Trails staff report



LTBB Tribal Citizen Graduates from Medical School

Congratulations to **Dr. Candice Colleen Colby** on your graduation from the University of Michigan Medical School with a doctoral degree. I am so proud of you, words cannot express. I know Grandma and Grandpa Al Colby, Sr. and Grandma and Grandpa Couture would be very proud of you also. I'm sure they are watching over you. You never fail to amaze me. I love you every day, Mom and Matt. P.S. Congratulations on your recent engagement.

Provided photo.



LTBB Tribal Youth Excel in Ice Hockey

Congratulations to the Mackinaw City Hockey Association's



Midget BB District 7 champions. LTBB Tribal Citizens **Jeff Gokee** and **Ryan Schlappi** were members of the team. The team lost 3-2 in four overtimes at the state semifinals in early March. Your families are very proud of



you.

Provided photos.

Easter Bunny an Avid Reader of Odawa Trails

A few days before Easter (March 23), the Easter Bunny (Purchasing Technician Mandy Ragland) was caught reading the March issue of *Odawa Trails* at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.

LTBB Tribal Citizen in Archival Photograph Identified

In the April issue of *Odawa Trails*, an archival photograph of a young Native man in military uniform appeared. The Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department



sought the identity of the man in the provided photograph.

LTBB Tribal Citizen Carol Quinones identified the man in the photograph as her father, the late Charles Levi Martell, who walked on December 8, 2007.

Martell, who was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, was a World War II veteran. His obituary appeared in the February 2008 issue of *Odawa Trails*.



E.T. Sightings at Michigan Pow Wows

E.T. the Extraterrestrial enjoyed himself at the 25th Annual Michigan State University (MSU) Pow Wow of Love held March 15-16 in East Lansing, MI, and at the 19th Annual Central Michigan University (CMU) Contest Pow Wow held March 29-30 in Mt. Pleasant, MI.



In the photo taken by Tina Peterson at the MSU Pow Wow, E.T. is seen sitting with Sheri and Calvin Hill of Elk Grove, IL. In the photo taken by VanDeCar at the CMU Pow Wow, E.T. hangs out with the drum Midnite Express from Minnesota. Midnite Express won the drum competition at the CMU Pow Wow, winning \$3,000.

Standing Horse Captures Powwow Idol

Standing Horse, a drum group based in South Dakota, won the first national Powwow Idol contest sponsored by DrumHop Productions, a production company specializing in producing high-quality recordings of pow wow drum groups.

There was a seven-month national online contest involving drum groups from the United States and Canada. It was modeled on "American Idol," and the contest was hosted online at www.powwows.com. The goal of the contest was to find the best unsigned drum group on the continent.

As the winner, Standing Horse will record a live CD produced by DrumHop Productions at the 2008



Red Earth Festival in Oklahoma City, OK, where the group will be the host drum. The group will also perform on a pow wow cruise and will be interviewed and have its music featured on a podcast at www.powwowcast.com.

Although its members collectively have had decades of experience as singers and drummers in various drum groups, Standing Horse only formed last May. All of the members are Sioux, the majority being Lakota.

The contest began in early August 2007 and had 10 rounds. For each round, drum groups were required to submit songs in the categories of Intertribal, Victory/Veteran song, Fancy Shawl or Fancy Feather contest song, Northern, Crow Hop, Southern Trot, Northern: Sneak Up, Southern, Ruffle, Trick Song, Singer's Choice, Flag song; Round Dance and Singer's Choice again for the finals.

The groups recorded their songs and sent them to DrumHop Productions, which posted the recordings at www.powwowidol.com for the public to vote on. The group with the fewest votes was eliminated every couple of weeks.

In the last round, Standing Horse beat Wind Eagle Singers of Keshena, WI, with a vote of 298-173.

Standing Horse sings traditional songs handed down and original songs composed by group members.

The winning song in the final contest was written by Standing Horse member Luke Cloud, who composes many of the group's original songs.



Biindigen Business Hours:
 Mon. - Thurs. 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Friday 6 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Sat. 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Sun. 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
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 Petoskey, MI 49770
 231-487-1093

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Biindigen is always accepting applications for clerk positions.

WILL YOUR 2008 PER CAPITA BE LATE?

Adults: If you are 18 and up, you must have an address verification form on file. If you turn 18 by November 20, 2008, contact the Enrollment Department.

- If your mailing and physical address are the same, you must have your address verification form WITNESSED.
- If your mailing and physical address are not the same, you must have the address verification form notarized.

*Individual tribal citizens may have their checks mailed to an address other than their own, but they MUST complete two forms: Designee address verification form AND address verification form. Example: Incarcerated.
 Minors/Legally Incompetent: All minors must have an address verification form each year before a check is issued.

IMPORTANT

If your address is not current or your minor child does not have a 2008 address verification form on file, this will delay the 2008 per capita check in December 2008.

Verification forms can be obtained online at <http://www.ltbodawa-nsn.gov/enrollment.htm>.
 For any questions, please call us at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORMS TO:

LTBB Enrollment Office
 7500 Odawa Circle
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Temporary Help Wanted

Would you like to:

- Gain experience?
- Work in an office?
- Make a little extra money?
- Work in the tribal community?
- Are you a tribal citizen?

Apply to Join our LTBB Temporary Worker Pool!

Temp. assignments can last one day or as long as a month or more. Contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Human Resources Department Today!
 Call: 231-242-1563

"Convening" continued from cover.

Living Spirit from the Convening of Indigenous Peoples for the Healing of Mother Earth from the Traditional Territory of the Maya."

A copy of it will soon be posted on www.indigenousconvening.com and on the Executive Branch page of the LTBB website www.ltbodawa-nnsn.gov.

The document includes the following sections: Introduction, Vision, the Pain of Mother Earth (Wa-

"Hawks" continued from page 6.

will represent the Michigan tribes in the opening ceremonies Parade of Nations wearing specially designed warm-ups identifying their team. LTBB Team Members will also have the LTBB logo on their warm-ups to further identify their tribe.

The five LTBB Hawks represen-

"Keno" continued from cover.

The changes made to the revenue sharing agreement were accomplished by amendments to each of the tribe's gaming compacts. Under the terms of the compacts, such amendments require approval of the governor, the tribe and the Secretary of the Interior. The governor and the tribes approved the compact amendments on February 27 with the Department of the Interior issuing a letter on March 10 permitting the amendments to take effect.

The gaming compacts also require both tribes to pay 2% of their net earnings to local units of government. These payments were not affected by the settlement.

Photo by David K. Burks.

ter, Air, Earth and Fire), the Healing of Mother Earth (Call to Action to Indigenous Peoples and Call to Ac-

tion to the Global Community) and a Declaration.

The U.S. Environmental Protec-

tatives are expected to raise funds for their registration, uniforms and travel expenses. Watch for opportunities to partner with these young athletes in this cultural, spiritual and very physical journey. The athletes are already selling t-shirts to raise the necessary funds for registration, uniforms and travel expenses. See www.ltbodawa-nnsn.gov/Departments/YouthSer-

tion Agency, Environment Canada and the Mexican Environment Ministry were all facilitators of the convening.

For more information on the Convening of Indigenous Peoples for the Healing of Mother Earth and the Message from the Living Spirit from the Convening of Indigenous Peoples for the Healing of Mother Earth from the Traditional Territory of the Maya, please visit www.indigenousconvening.com.

Courtesy photo and graphic.

ices/calendar/March2008.html for a downloadable t-shirt order form. There will be additional fundraisers to come.

Any support, financial or other, is much appreciated and don't forget to congratulate Claus, Amber, Yarrow, Devon and Mersadz the next time you see them.

Photos courtesy of Ellie Payton.

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

All 2008 Graduation Announcements must be received by May 5, 2008 to be included in the June Issue of Odawa Trails. Forward your graduate's picture and bio to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nnsn.gov or bring them to the Communications Dept. in the LTBB Governmental Center. Bios can also be faxed to 231-242-1430.

ATTENTION DANCERS AND DRUMMERS

Calling all Dancers and Drummers willing to give an educational presentation at the Petoskey Stone Festival on May 24 at Barnes Park in Eastport, MI.

If interested, please contact Petoskey Stone Festival Committee member Eileen Wallick at 231-599-2712.

Honorarium negotiable.

For more information on the festival, please visit www.antrimcounty.com, click on Barnes Park and click on Petoskey Stone Festival.



Moving?

If you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an address verification form.

Forms are also available at www.ltbodawa-nnsn.gov. Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address verification form.

If you are a custodial parent, please provide proof by documentation.

Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark you as undeliverable.

If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.

Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of the per capita payment.

Adult verification form must be witnessed.
Minor verification form must be notarized.

Contact Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520.

17th Annual Odawa Homecoming Jiingtamok (pow wow)

August 9 & 10, 2008

LTBB Pow Wow Grounds Harbor Springs, MI

Grand Entry Times
Saturday, August 9 - 1 & 7 p.m.
Sunday, August 10 - 12 p.m.



Registration
Friday, August 8, 5 - 8 p.m.
Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Registration fee \$5 per dancer/singer.
Tribal IDs may be requested.
Tiny tots do not need to register.

Head Staff

Host Drum Buffalo Horse	Arena Director David Shananaquet
MC Sonny Smart	Head Female Judge Jane Schwander
Head Veteran Walker Stonefish	Head Male Judge Steve Schwander
Head Dancers TBD each session	

Free!
Open to the public!
Bring the whole family!

For more information:
Winnay Wemigwase 231-242-1453 or
Annette VanDeCar 231-242-1427

Vendor Information:
Marci Reyes 231-838-4172 phone
231-242-1666 Fax

Prize Money

Drum
1st - \$3,000
2nd - \$2,000
3rd - \$1,000
(the first 6 non-placing registered drums will receive \$300 each)

Golden Age (50+) & Adult (18-49)
1st - \$600
2nd - \$500
3rd - \$400

Teen (13-17)
1st - \$300
2nd - \$200
3rd - \$150

Boy/Girl (6-12)
1st - \$100
2nd - \$75
3rd - \$50

Sponsored by:
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Absolutely no politics, drugs, alcohol or pets allowed at this event.
Not responsible for loss of property or accidents.

Free Story Times For Kids At The Library

EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY for kids under 3 accompanied by an adult
EVERY WEDNESDAY for kids 3-5 years old




Petoskey PUBLIC LIBRARY

For details: 231.758.3112 or www.petoskeylibrary.org

Three Fires Road to Wellness Health Fair

Save the Date!

When: May 3, 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. (for fasting lab tests only)
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (all other events)
Where: Maab-E-Bo-Nash-She-Wish Tribe's Luella Collins Community Center in Bradley, MI

Health Fair Activities!

- Health Screenings
- Nutritional Information
- Plenty of Health Stations
- Tons of Health Info
- Poker Walk
- Fire Safety
- Monitor Your Mood
- See N be Fit Video (by Little River Band of Odawa)
- Great Food!

Games

Location: 419 125th Avenue, Shelbyville, MI 49344
For more information call, [616-881-0360](tel:616-881-0360).

Scheduling for fasting lab tests:
ALL TRIBES please contact the NIBP Health Department at 1-888-662-2808 or 616-249-0159.

*In partnership with Maab-E-Bo-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi, Nottoway-Huron Band of Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Shawnee, Little River Band of Odawa, The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa and Grand River Odawa Tribe.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING IRS ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENTS

Submitted by **Susan Swadling**, Odawa Enterprise Management Assistant

Starting in May, economic stimulus payments of up to \$600 for individuals or \$1,200 for married couples will be issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) based on 2007 tax returns. Parents also get \$300 for each eligible child.

To receive the payments this year, people must file a 2007 tax return. That's it. The IRS will determine eligibility, figure the amount and send the payment. This payment will be in addition to taxpayers' refunds.

But, the IRS needs your help. Many people are eligible for the payments, but may not know it.

Some people do not file a tax return because their income is too low or their benefits are non-taxable. Because they don't file a tax return, the IRS does not know their names or addresses.

People who do not normally file a tax return, but who have at least \$3,000 in qualified income may be eligible for a minimum payment of \$300 for individuals or \$600 for married couples.

The \$3,000 must come from specific sources. It must be earned from

wages or self-employment. Or, it must be from certain benefits such as Social Security retirement, Railroad Retirement or Veterans Affairs payments to disabled veterans or veterans' survivors. It also can be from a combination of wages and these benefits.

There are some restrictions. People must have valid Social Security numbers for themselves and their children. Those who are claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return or who are eligible to be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return do not qualify.

The IRS is working with the Social Security Administration and Department of Veterans Affairs to locate their beneficiaries who may be eligible. People who do not file a tax return because of low incomes are hard to locate. The IRS does not have their names or addresses.

Tribal governments can help by spreading the word about these payments, especially to those people who normally don't file a tax return.

The IRS also is encouraging churches, charities, non-profit and government organizations to help reach out to those who may be eligible for the payments.

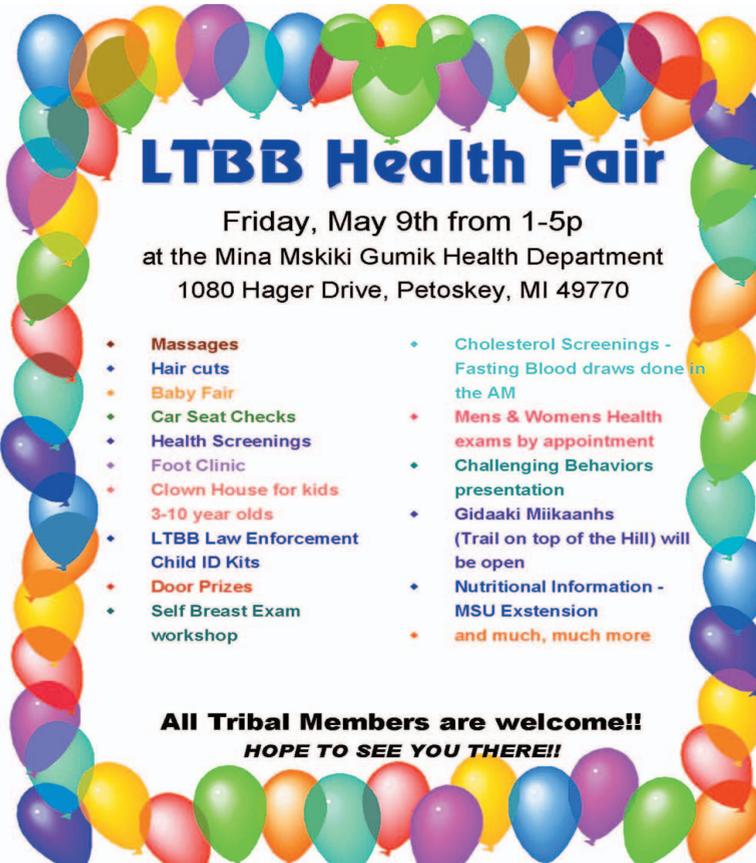
People, who already file a tax return each year, need do nothing more

than file their tax return. The IRS will do the rest. People who normally don't file a return can use Form 1040A with just a little information. There is no need to complete all the lines on the form. Details needed include:

- Name, address, social security number;
- Filing status, names and social security numbers of children;
- Workers with low incomes must complete Line 7;
- Recipients of certain benefits from Social Security retirement, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Affairs can report their total benefits on line 14a of Form 1040A;
- Write "Economic Stimulus Payment" at the top of the paper return.

Filers with bank accounts should use direct deposit. It is the fastest way to receive stimulus payments. The IRS will begin sending taxpayers their payments in early May after the current tax season concludes. These payments will not be taxable nor will the payments affect any federal benefits people are receiving.

The IRS website, www.irs.gov, is the best source of information on economic stimulus payments.



LTBB Health Fair

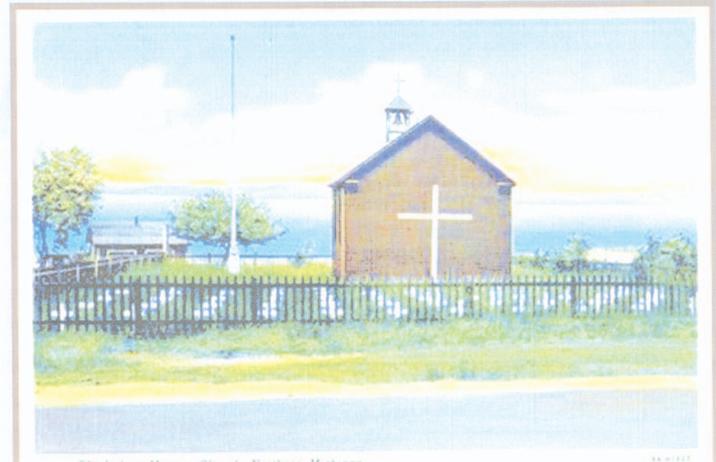
Friday, May 9th from 1-5p
at the **Mina Mskiki Gumik Health Department**
1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770

- **Messages**
- **Hair cuts**
- **Baby Fair**
- **Car Seat Checks**
- **Health Screenings**
- **Foot Clinic**
- **Clown House for kids 3-10 year olds**
- **LTBB Law Enforcement Child ID Kits**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Self Breast Exam workshop**

- **Cholesterol Screenings - Fasting Blood draws done in the AM**
- **Mens & Womens Health exams by appointment**
- **Challenging Behaviors presentation**
- **Gidaaki Miikaanhs (Trail on top of the Hill) will be open**
- **Nutritional Information - MSU Extension**
- **and much, much more**

All Tribal Members are welcome!!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Puzzle Proceeds for: Restoration Of Saint Francis Solanus Indian Mission Church



Old Indian Mission Church Northern Michigan

11" x 17" Jigsaw Puzzle with 308 pieces

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Annual Tribal Membership Meeting 2008

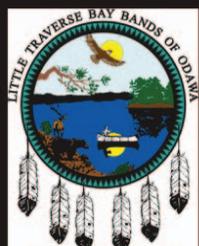


Saturday, May 10

Petoskey Middle School

Doors open at 9 a.m.

Lunch at noon.



General Membership Speaker:
Marci Reyes

2008 LTBB ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

8 a.m. - Doors open for LTBB Governmental Department/Program setup.

8:30 a.m. - Doors open for tribal citizen registration and a pipe ceremony will be performed.

9:30 a.m. - Meeting begins. Honor Guard brings in the colors and staffs while a drum performs honor and flag songs. Posting of colors/staffs.

9:45 a.m. - Opening prayer by an elder tribal citizen to be announced.

9:50 a.m. - General Membership Speaker Marci Reyes will welcome everyone, introduce the Legislative Leader, Tribal Councilors and members of the Executive Branch, review the meeting agenda and explain the process for the General Membership Meeting in accordance with the provisions in the LTBB Constitution.

10 a.m. - Legislative Report from

Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law.

10:15 a.m. - Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Gerald Chingwa.

11 a.m. - Odawa Casino Resort Report from Odawa Casino Resort Facilities Director Barry Laughlin.

11:15 a.m. - General Membership Speaker Marci Reyes will start the General Membership Meeting. Topics for discussion may be identified prior to the lunch break. This gives tribal citizens a chance to caucus on issues to be discussed in the afternoon session.

Noon-1:30 p.m. - Lunch break. CATERED meal served in the cafeteria.

1:30 p.m. - General Membership Speaker Marci Reyes will reconvene meeting.

2:45 p.m. - General Membership Speaker Marci Reyes will end General Membership discussion, identify

topics requiring action and review the voting process as required by General Membership attendees.

3 p.m. - Tribal Council Question and Answer Session.

3:50 p.m. - Executive Branch Question and Answer Session.

4:40 p.m. - 2009 General Membership Meeting Speaker election.

4:55 p.m. - Voting for 2009 General Membership Meeting speaker closed. The Election Board will tally the votes. The result will be announced, posted at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, and listed in the *Odawa Trails* newsletter.

5:10 p.m. - Last raffle drawing.

5:20 p.m. - Meeting ends and Honor Guard retires the colors.

TEEN TALKING CIRCLE

Teens, do you ever feel like no one's listening? Winnay, Eric, Kristy and Joe are going to have Teen Talking Circles so that you can get together with other Native youth and express yourself to the fullest.

The talking circles will be on Thursdays, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Registration is not necessary. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Youth Services Coordinator Joe Lucier at 231-838-5473.

WAGANAKISING ODAWA

<u>The Ladies' Talking Circle</u>	<u>The Men's Talking Circle</u>
April 24	May 1
May 8	May 15
May 22	May 29



Summer Camp Fun In the Summer Sun

AGES	DATES	TIME
4 - 6 YEARS	JUNE 16 - 20	8 A.M. - 12 P.M.
7 - 10 YEARS	JUNE 23 - 27	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
11 - 14 YEARS	JULY 7, 9, 11	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER YOUR CHILD SOON!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 231-242-1480.

25th Annual Michigan State University Pow Wow of Love photos by Tina Peterson



Upcoming Higher Education Deadlines

June 15, 2008

Michelle Chingwa Scholarship
documentation for Summer 2008 semester

June 16, 2008

Michigan Indian Elders Association
application for 2008-2009 academic year

August 1, 2008

LTBB Elders Assoc. Scholarship
application for 2008-2009 academic year

August 1, 2008

Merit Scholarship
applications for grade reports from
2007-2008 academic year

**For applications or more information, please call
Melissa Colby at
231-242-1492.**



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Please apply online at www.odawacasino.com and
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You may direct your call
to Recruiter Lynn Trozzo
at 231-439-5380 any time!



*Attention Tribal Citizens
of LTBB Odawa*

Do you create high-quality Native American artwork?

*Are you interested in showcasing your high-quality artwork
at our new gift shop located inside Odawa Casino Resort?*

CONTACT:

Juanita Rogers	Suzette Schmalzreid
Casino Services Mgr.	Retail Mgr.
Odawa Casino Resort	Odawa Casino Resort
231-439-6100 ext. 8230	231-439-6100 ext. 8234



Language Program

Zhoonyaa

(Money)

bezhiwaabik - one dollar
 naanwaabik - five dollars
 aabtawaabik - half a dollar
 nizhiniin - two bits/quarter
 zhoonmaanken - penny/cent



Naanwaabik nda'aan. - I have five dollars.
 Biindaaganiing toon maanda zhoonyaa. - Put this money in your pocket.
 Aaniish mnik zhoonyaa menezyin? - How much money do you need?
 Aaniish mnik zhoonyaa iyaaman? - How much money do you have?

pshkimat - bag
 zhoonyaa pshkimat - purse
 zhoonyaa pshkimadenhs - wallet



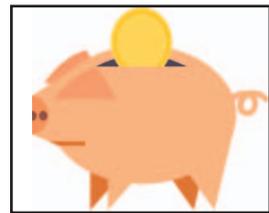
Miinan ndaawenan. - I'm selling blueberries.
 Aaniish mnik enigindeg? - How much does it cost?/What is the price?
 Kaawiin ndepsesii. - I don't have enough.
 Shki-mkizinan nwiyaanan. - I want new shoes.

zhoonyaagamig - bank
 odawegamig - store
 miijimiodawegamig - grocery store
 shangegamig - restaurant
 gibeshiigamig - hotel
 zhoonyaataagegamig - casino



Ngichitwa'is. - I'm rich.
 Ngiidabamaago nangwa. - I got paid today.
 Niin ngamjitaa. - My treat.

Nbookshkaa - I'm broke.
 Kaawiin gego zhoonyaa nda'aaziin.
 - I have no money.



Aapji niibna zhoonyaa te kookooshenhsiing.
 There is a lot of money in the little piggy.

yaamo - buy (it) for him/her
 yaamoshin - buy (it) for me
 dabamo - pay him/her
 dabamoshin - pay me



Naanwaabik gaadaawmin. - Loan me five dollars.
 Gmiznamoo. - You owe me.
 Maanda zhoonyaa miznamonaanh. - Here's the money I owe you.

Education Updates:

The WOCTEP Program is currently accepting registrations for the summer session, which will be starting in June 2008. The classes are part of the Entrepreneurship Certificate offered through North Central Michigan College (NCMC). The classes will be offered in a three-part series of one-credit workshops. For class times and locations or for more information, please call the WOCTEP Program at 231-242-1485.

Anishinaabemowin Resources



Featured Website:

<http://www.snowowl.com/swolfeaglefeathers.html>

http://www.eagles.org/native_american.htm

Wonderful website with many legends.

The eagle website has an eagle nest cam. You can see them setting the eagles free. Some were hatched there while some came hurt and were rehabilitated.



Vowel	Sounds Like
a	bus
aa	father
e	bed
i	sit
ii	see
o	note
oo	book
nh	nasal sound



Kaawii Geyaabi Naasaab Gego

Miisa miinwa zhigwa wiiniibiing. Dabagiiswaanak miinwa zhaazhigwa giiaanjiibijigaazwok. Gibeyiing miinwa dagiizhigat gwajiiing shkinaakzhik. Ngichinendam wiimnozhiwebak wiiba. Chipiitendaagwad maanda Anishinaabemowin. Mii maanda kwa Anishinaabe gaanwed. Nangwa dash gdozhaaganaashiimi. "Critical Issues" maawnjidiwin ngiipaazhaa, miidash oode ngiinoondamaa maanda niizaaanak enweyiing wiinaajitooyiing. Aapideg gweiindazhichigemi wiwiikijitowiing neyaab wiinweyiing exhidwendaagziyiing. Gaawi kina gwaya geyaabi zhimaadisii kwa gaazhimaadiziyiing, gaawii kina gwaya geyaabi zhinamaasii kwa gaazhinamaayiing, gaawii kina gwaya geyaabi naabijikaaziin wi chi Anishinaabe mshkiki kwa gaazhinaandwedesiing, gaawii kina gwaya geyaabi nwesii kwa gaanweyiing, aapiji dash gwa daanishin giishpin maamwi wiikijitoyiing "gdabinoojiiminaanik" naadimowaawiing wiidebinamwaaad we Anishinaabe kwa gaanwed. Dibigwa'iidik daanishin waanijikinomaagaaziwaaad gwanda gdabinoojiiminaanik, ekinomaagegamigong maage gwajiiing maage endaayiing.

It is not the Same Anymore

It is going to be summer soon. The clocks have been moved ahead. There will be longer daylight outside in the early evening. I am happy there will be good weather soon. Our Anishinaabemowin is very sacred. This used to be the language of the Anishinaabe. Now, we speak the English language. I went to the "Critical Issues" gathering where I heard we are in danger of losing our language. We have to do something to get our language back the way we are supposed to speak it. Not everybody lives the way we used to live, not everybody prays the way we used to pray, not everybody uses the old Native medicine we used to use for healing ourselves, not everybody speaks the language we used to speak, but it would be very good if we all try to help "our children" get back the language of the Anishinaabeg. Any place would be good to teach our children, in the school, outside the home or at home.

Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion Classes

Class designed so all levels will benefit, even beginners start understanding.



Fluent Odawa language instructors
 Isabelle Osawamick, Rhonda Hopkins and Nancy Debassige perform spoof of popular TV show.

Open Classes
 Guests Welcome
 STORIES, SKITS &
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 MAKE LEARNING
 LANGUAGE
 FUN

Register now for this
 8-Credit BMCC-NPIP
 College Course
 Fridays, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 & Sundays, 8 a.m. - noon

May 16-18
 June 6-8
 July 25-27
 August 15-17
 August 22-24



Fluent instructor,
 Isabelle Osawamick, Odawa, uses pictures, drawings, body language and other visual aids to help students understand.

Register now for this
 6-Credit BMCC-NPIP
 College Course
 Mondays & Thursdays
 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.

Classes at MshkikiGamik at 1080 Hagar Drive in Petoskey, MI.

Enroll Your Little Ones Now!

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
 Head Start is a great place to start your child's education.
 Here's why:

Early Head Start
 0-3 Years/Home based

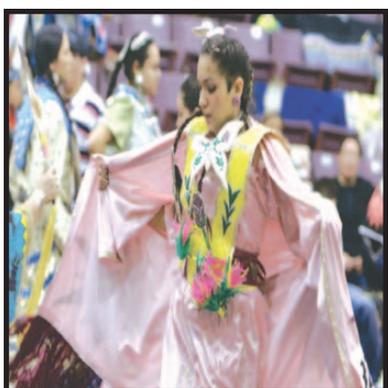
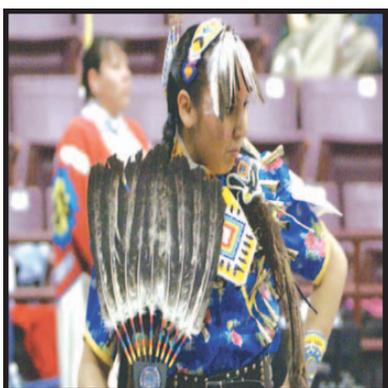
Head Start
 3-5 Years/Center Based

LTBB Head Start:
 Assists needs

Promotes culture growth
 Offers nutritious meals
 Has centrally located bus pickups

For more information or to register for the 2008-2009 program year, please call 231-539-8325.

19th Annual Central Michigan University Celebrating Life Contest Pow Wow



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